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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE,
1792-1899.

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U.S. Mint At Philadelphia,
1791-1936

Correspondence, 1792-1904

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE,
1792 - 1899

1858 - NOV.

To

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U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1858 / NOVEMBER

From

Andrien Landent
others, asking for an
advance of pages

Nov. 24/1858

Treasury Department
Nov 24. 1858.

Sir

I enclose a letter received
from Mr. John Whiting of your City.
You are authorized to comply with Mr. Whiting's
request provided you see no objection to that
course. Mr. W. will, probably, call on you.
I am very Respt
Wm. Lobb
Sec of the Treasury

J. R. Snowden
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Mr
Sec Treasury
Washington

Enclosing letter
from Mr Whiting
respecting a sum
of ten million

AW 25, 1835

To The Philad.^a Nov 22/58.
Hon H. Cobb
Sec of the Treasury—

Dear Sir—

I have received
a quantity of Silver Ore from
Venezuela, reported by the owner
to be very rich, would you let
the officers of the Mint in this
City assay them and report to
me? If the Ore produce as much
silver as they are represented, we
will have some heavy shipments
made to this City in a short time.

Please inform me if there
are any duties on the Ore.

My address is 1166 South 10th St.

Yours very Respectfully

John Whiting

Mr. Koon

W 116 Nov 23/58

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

November 24. 1858

Sir

I have To acknowledge the receipt
of \$41,191.76 in Silver Coins for invoice No 249
and \$100,000. in Gold Coins on 4c of No 251.

Very Respectfully

J. H. Walton Esq
Trust U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm. J. Ewing
Treasurer

From

Jno J Cisco Treas
New York

Nov 24 1858

Copy.

Department of State
Washington Nov 24th 1858

Hon Howell Cobb
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for your perusal an original Despatch from Mr. Alexander H. Clements, U. S. Consul at Pernambuco, dated 18th of September last (No. 22), respecting the Table of Foreign Coins with their equivalents in U. S. Currency, Gold valuation, prepared at the request of the Comptroller of the Treasury by the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia, and enclosing a Silver Coin of Brazil 1000 Reis, which he begs may be sent to the Mint for valuation.

By returning the above Despatch to this Department, I shall be pleased to be informed of your Views of the matter set forth therein, in order that they may be communicated to Mr. Clements.

I have the honor to be Sir.
Yours O^b Serv^t
(Signed) Lewis Cass.

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

November 25. 1858

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of \$44,817.53 in Silver Coins in payment for
invoice No 250, and \$95,915.80 for balance
due on No 251 in Gold Coins.

Very Respectfully

J H Walton Esq.

Treasurer U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia.

J. M. J. Esq.
Treasurer

From

Geo J Leisco Treas
New York

Nov 25 1858

United States Assay Office,

New York, - Nov. 25, 1858.

Sir,

In making the recent reduction in the government price of silver, from \$1.22½ to \$1.21 per standard ounce, it is of course but just that the same change be made in computing the value of silver parted from gold deposits. I deem it proper, however, to ask your instructions on the subject.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. servt.,

N. F. Patterson, Esq.

per Geo. F. Demming.

Hon. J. R. Snowden, }
Director of the Mint. }

Wm L
Supt
Assay Office
N. Y.

Silver parted from
U. S. Bullion Co
paid for at
121 cts pr
oz

Nov 26. 1838. -

Nov. 26, 8.

Sir,

As the Silver which is handed from
Gold is in point of fact purchased, the reduc-
tion in price was intended to apply to such
Silver as well to Coin and other Bullion,
As you have not given my letter of the 9th
inst that construction, I have now to re-
quest that on and after the 1st prox. you
will pay for Silver parties from now at
the rate of 121 Cents per Standard ounce.

I am very respectfully
Your obt. servant
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Saml. H. Butterworth Esq,
Superintendent
Mint Office,
New York.

Buckner Mills Nov-26. 1858

L. R. Snowden Esq

Dear Sir

Yours of 19. inst came duly to
hand - yesterday being in Harrisburg I
learned of Judge Hieste (who had been absent
since 11. inst) he had received three medals from
the Adams Express - I therefore return as you
requested the blank receipt filled up which
I presume is done correctly -

Most respectfully

Geo. W. Buckner

From Geo H. T. Fucker Esq
Buchen, Miss
Houghton
~~Pa~~
Pa

Act Camp
for Mary
Penn Int

Nov 29, 1888

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

November 26, 1858

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
\$10000. in Silver Coins on A/c of invoice
No 252

Very Respectfully

J H Walton Esq

Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm. J. C. Bee
Treasurer

From

John J. Cisco Treas

New York

Nov 26 1858

Treasury Department
Nov 26. 1858.

Sir

I enclose for your perusal a letter received from the Department of State and an Extract from the letter therein referred to, from the Consul of the United States at Pernambuco, in relation to the table showing the value of foreign Coins prepared by the Director of the Mint; and also, at the request of the Consul a silver Coin of 5000 Reis (a Milrea) which I will thank you to have assayed at the Mint at your earliest convenience, and its intrinsic value ascertained and reported to this Department.

I am very Resp^t
Wm W. Cobb
Sec of the Treasury

J. R. Browder
Director of the Mint
Philad^a

Transd
The Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City

Enclosing Communication
from Dept. of State &
an Extract from despatches
of U. S. Consuls at
Pernambuco in
relation to Table
of Foreign Coins
&c

Nov 29. 1838

Mint of the United States
1858. To Jas. Mason on
Nov^r 19th to 34 slaves &
40 hedd 24 Iron
hoops & fitting
up 77 Specie Reg. 17. 06

Dec^r 9 to 1 Bundle Shovel & hump. 1. 25
Bilan of
Correct

18. 31

Wm Van Osten
Received Payment
James Mason

Hall of M^o. Institute
Balt. Nov. 26. 1858

D. Sir

Yours of 22nd to W Bartlett
would have been answered sooner,
but for his absence from the City,

I now send check for \$527 -
Chesapeake Bank of Balt. on the
Western Bank of Phil, in accor-
dance with your wishes -

Please acknowledge
rec^y of same,

Very res^{ts}

Yours Chs. W.
John S. Selby

Actuary M. Ins.

Jas. Pop. Snowden Esq.
Director of Mint
Phil,

To, J. L. Bartlett Esq
Chr. Ex. Com. Ma. Govt
Baltimore
Md

Forwarding
meals —

Nov 29, 1858 —

Nov 29. 8.

Dear Sir,

I send to you address today
per Adams Express Co. a box containing the medals
ordered by you a few weeks since for the Maryland
Institute.

Enclosed please find receipt &
bill for the above medals, also blank certificate
which I will thank you to fill up and
return to me.

The reverse die of your Institute
is much worn and needs renewing. It can
be "renewed" at an expense of about \$20.-.
If you desire it I will have the work done
by a competent person in this city.

Very Respectfully,
James B. Richardson
Director of the Mint

S. L. Bartlett Esq
Chas. Ex. Com. Md Inst.
Baltimore.

Nov 29, 8.

The Maryland Institute.

To Medal Fund U. S. Mint Dr.

For 20 Fine gold Medals @ \$350-

102 . Silver . . . 3.00

\$3570.00

357.00

\$3927.00

Received of John S. Selby Esq, Actuary
Md Institute, Draft on Western Bank (Phie?)
for the amount of the above bill.

C. S. ... P. S. ...

Director of the Mint

Nov 29. 8.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of the 26th inst. enclosing draft
on Western Bank for \$527, in payment for
the medals ordered by Mr Bartlett for the
Maryland Institute and forwarded to him to-day
per Adams Express Co.

Very Respectfully,

William D. Brewster
Director of the Unit

John S. Selby Esq.
Actuary Md. Inst.
Baltimore,
Md.

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

November 24. 1858

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of \$20,805.97 in gold Coins in payment of
invoice W. 253.

Very Respectfully

J. H. Walton Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

J. M. J. C. B. Co
Treasurer

From

John J. Leisco Treas
New York

Nov 27 1858

The U S Mint

Philadelphia Nov 27/58

For 400 bags for ^{duplicate} ~~silv~~ \$1000 =, @ \$10.50 p-h - \$42.00

Receipt

Margt. B. Leidy

Geo H. Lull
Hull R

Nov. 27, 1858

To Sec Treasury

St. Dep. & Com. & Co
3^d Div. 1855

Nov 27, 1855

Nov 27. 8.

Sir,

I present herewith a quarterly statement
of the Deposits and Coinage at the Mint
of the U. States, its branches, and the Assay office,
for the 3rd quarter ending Sept. 30. 1858.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

James C. Rohrer
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

SPECIE AND EXCHANGE OFFICE,

88 State Street,

Boston, Nov 29th 1858.

Hon J. W. Maltby.

J. W. Maltby.

Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 26th.

informing us of the rejection of a deposit of Spanish-silver forwarded by us, and the cause for such rejection, has been received. Your supposition in relation to the manner in which our deposit was made up, "by night and without count," is correct. We have always till our last deposit but one, been careful to see that the count, as well as the weight were correct, when making up that, we were assured by one of our New York correspondents, who was in our office, that we were making ourselves needlessly trouble, as that all the Mint now required was, that the weight in silver should be in the deposit without regard to the count of it, and that this was the way in which deposits were made up in New York, the Mint accepting and being perfectly satisfied with them in that form. Acting upon this information we made up that deposit, our next one, and the one you have rejected. Supposing our information to be correct, confirmed as it subsequently was by the reception at the Mint of our deposit made in that form, we had not a moment's question in relation to it, till the receipt of your favor this morning. We shall hasten to make up our deposit in the manner you require, and will see that our future ones, should there be such, are correct in count as well as weight. We make this explanation in justice to ourselves, as it was not our intention to be guilty of any "sharp practice" or of doing anything which did not fully meet the regulations of the Mint.

Yours with respect

Burnett & Co

From

Burnett & Co

Boston

Nov 29 1858

NOV 29 1858

100

Mr. C. A. Smith

My dear Sir

Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th inst. in relation to the purchase of a quantity of the "New England" paper. I have the pleasure to inform you that the same has been forwarded to you by express of the 27th inst. and will reach you in a few days. I have also the pleasure to inform you that the same has been forwarded to you by express of the 27th inst. and will reach you in a few days. I have also the pleasure to inform you that the same has been forwarded to you by express of the 27th inst. and will reach you in a few days.

Colonization Rooms
Philad^a Nov: 29. 1858

Dear Sir

Will you grant us the
service of your Signature to the
accompanying invitation to the Rev J.
J. Bowen - the distinguished Missionary
to Central Africa - to lecture in our City?
It is intended to charge for admission
to the Lectures: - the proceeds to be
applied to an Independent Manual
Labor School for Colored Youngmen.

Yours very resp^d,

Wm Coppinge

Hon: J. R. Snowden

From

Mr. Beckmeyer

Nov. 29/58

Mint of the United States,

TREASURER'S OFFICE.

Philadelphia 29 Nov 1858

Dear Sir,

The silver from the Bank of
Birmingham was requested to
be returned in dimes, half doll-
ars and silver dollars. Inas-
much as the depositor would
receive only about \$1.16 per
ounce for silver dollars, and
will be paid \$1.21 per ounce
in half dollars, we have con-
cluded that the request for the
former coin was based on a
misapprehension, and have
entered the deposit for dimes
of $\frac{1}{2}$ dolls.

Yours

R. Patterson

L. Morrell, Jr. & Co.

J. Morrell, Jr. Esq

Treasury of the United States,

Nov. 21. 1858.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive _____ Treasury Draft payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt, and return it to this office by the first mail; and cause the draft to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

S. CASEY,

Treasurer of the United States.

J. Ross Snowden Esq

Dt 7109 N^o 1271 \$200.-

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it, should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft or in the endorsement that assigns it to him, taking care to AFFIX his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses; if by a substitute, it must be accompanied by evidence of substitution, except in the case of president and cashier of a bank or other institution.

Mr
near N. State
~~Office~~
Washington

Draft \$200

Nov 30, 1858

Correspondence
U.S. Mint

November 1858,

Carl, Sweden, New York Nov 29. 1858

Mr. I observed by the papers
that a gentleman of your city has
been appointed Consul at Trieste,
and John J. Cisco Esq. has advised
me to apply to you to learn his
address, as I wish to see him, or
have some communication with
him before his departure.

Mr. Cisco thought either you or
J. W. Walter Esq. would be pretty certain
to know him, and if you will excuse
a stranger's making you this trouble
and have the kindness to enclose
this note to him, both him &
call on me or send me his address
(for his name has escaped me) I
shall be exceedingly obliged to you.

Should you know
his name, but not
his address, will you
please send me
that?

Yours with respect
Harcourt Spring

+ 145 Broadway

New York.

+ Or, after this week, No 27 Park Place

Nov. 30.

Sir,

In response to your letter of yesterday I have to state that Mr. Remak, (Stephens) the recently appointed Consul for Mexico, has taken his departure from this City, and sailed from New York a few days ago. As to our having actually sailed I am not certain but he left this City for New York several days ago. and my messenger informs me that he noticed his name in a paper in some report that took its departure a few days ago.

I am, very respectfully,
Yours obt. Servant,

Marcus Spring & Son, Robt. Menden,
11:14 Broadway Director of the Mint,
New York.

Wm L

Marcus Spring
New York

Name of Consul
U.S. W. Chester

Nov 30, 1838

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

November 29. 1858

Sir

I herewith enclose receipt and invoice
No 2544 of One box fine gold bars, Transmitted
this day by The Adams Express Company, of the
net value of \$ 35,313.15 for which I will
thank you to remit double eagles in payment.

Very Respectfully

J. M. J. Esq

Treasurer

J. H. Walton Esq

Treasurer U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

From

Jno J Cisco Treas
New York

Nov 29 1858

No. *254*

Received from the TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES

ASSAY OFFICE, NEW YORK,

One boxes, containing

Gold

Bullion, of the net value of (\$ *35 313.15*)

Thirty Five Thousand

three hundred & thirteen

15
— Dollars,
100

~~for~~ *transportation* all risks, and delivery to the TREASURER OF

THE UNITED STATES MINT AT PHILADELPHIA.

New York, *Apr 29* 185*8*

For the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

John H. Rogers

ORIGINAL.

Nov. 30. 8.

Sir,

I received yesterday your favor of the 26th inst with the enclosures therein stated.

The term "Milreis" in the table furnished to the Comptroller was improperly introduced, it should have been "Double Milreis", that being the piece which was assayed at the Mint, and which, before the recent reduction of the Mint price of silver, was worth 102.5 cents as stated in the table; but now at the reduced price, it is worth 101.3 cents. The half of the double Milreis, namely, the Milreis, would be 50.6 cents, though the single piece was enclosed, and which has been assayed, yields only 50.48, say 50.5 it being a little under the average fineness.

It is evident from the letter of M^r Clements, the Consul at Pernambuco, that

Silver in Brazilian Coinage is overvalued
or compared with gold in like manner
as it is with us, and in England; and
doubtless to accomplish the same object,
namely, to keep the silver at home as
a subsidiary currency.

From this view it would be manifestly
unjust to charge the Consul on that basis.
The Milreis of Commerce should be rated
upon their Gold Coin. The Gold Coin of
20 milreis (on what appears from its
value to be such - the denomination not being
stated on its face) is worth by our assay
^{dls. cts. mills} 10.90.5; which would make the milreis
54.52. The Consul sets it down at 55;
which in exchange is a very near ap-
proximation.

The change in the mint price for silver
renders it necessary to revise the tables heretofore
prepared for the use of the Comptroller. In a few
days I will make the alterations, and send the
corrected tables to him. In the mean time
I suggest that a copy of this letter be

furnished to that officer.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
your faithful servant,

James Ross Anderson,
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Howell Cobb.

Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City.

Ross Snowden Esq:
Director of the U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia -
Dear Sir:

Chief Coiner's Office,
U.S. Mint Philadelphia,
November 30 1858.

I beg leave, respectfully, to report that the duties of the operations, during the past month, in the various departments under my charge, have been performed with their usual punctuality and despatch.

The small engine in the cellar has been running for a long time, and is ^{very} much out of order. It needs a thorough overhauling & repairing, with some alterations. The Chief Engineer, Mr Charles Johnston, recommends a new cylinder to be made, instead of repairing the present one. I fully agree with him in his report, which is herewith enclosed for your consideration.

All of which is respectfully submitted
by Your friend & obedient serv^t
Geo. T. Childs

Chief Coiner

Nov. 30, 1858

J Ross Snowden
Director U S Mint

Dear Sir i beg leave to inform you that the Cylander of the small Engine in the cellar is worn very bad, causing a great amount of the power to be lost through leakage in the piston. Through the above cause and the Engine being overpowered with work it is a source of great annoyance to us. If there is any little irregularities in the strips in passing the Draw Bench it stops the Engine. When the Hoisting Machine is put on with a heavy load which is often done it causes her to run slow and makes it irregular for the cutting presser.

It will take a week to Bore out the Cylander and fit a new piston and then all the difficulties will not be mended.

I would Recommend to you to put down a larger Cylander say 11 inches diameter which would be one inch larger than the present one.

It would add one fifth more power
than the present one and cause the
Engine to do its work a great deal
easier than at present

The cost to repair the old cylinder
would be from one Hundred to one Hundred
and Twenty five Dollars whilst to put
down a new one it would not cost over
Two Hundred - The new one could be put
in its place in three Days whilst to
repair the Old one it would take six

Yours Respectfully

Wm Johnson

Repat
Ches Corner
Avent 1858

Phila. Nov 31st 1858

Mr. Craven

To H. D. Steward Dr.

Walnut Coffin

9.00

Heave

2.00

One Carriage

2.00

Steward

14.00

2.00

17.00

Rec^d Payment

H. D. Steward

per Chas. H. Steward

A. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

November 30, 1858

Sir

Herewith you have receipt and invoice No 255 of three boxes Gold Bullion transmitted by The Adams Express Company, of the Net Value of \$182,212.31 in payment for which, please remit double eagles.

Very Respectfully

Wm J. Cisco
Treasurer

J. H. Walton Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

From

Jno J Cisco Ins
New York

Nov 30 1858

No. 255

Received from the TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES

ASSAY OFFICE, NEW YORK,

Three boxes, containing
Gold Bullion, of the net value of (\$ *182,212.31*)*One hundred & Eighty two thousand*
two hundred & twelve $\frac{31}{100}$ Dollars,~~*for transportation*~~
~~*which we agree to insure against all risks, and deliver to the*~~ TREASURER OF
THE UNITED STATES MINT AT PHILADELPHIA.New York, *Novem 30* 185 *8*

For the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

John Horner

Adjusting Room W. S. Hunt

30th Nov^r 1858

—

Col^l Snowden

Sir,

We the Ladies of the Adjusting
Room, Desire to return you
our sincere thanks, for your
kindness in raising our
Salary, For which, (Allow us
to assure you) we feel truly
grateful,

We remain yours
very respectfully

Committee { Annie R Campbell
Mary Colsbury.
Ellen D Harper

L
Hon. Com. Ad. Rom
U.S. Mint

Thanking Director
for increase of
Wages

Am 30.1838.

Return of absence in Chief Bowler's Depart- ment for November 1858

	Sickness.	Military Engagements	Private Business	No Excuse given	Morning Absence	Attend Election						
Kensil	6											
Smith-	2											
Tracy				4	this 4 days that Tracy was sick							
Wigmore				4								
Palmer		2										
Batchelor.	2											
Delaney			10 ³ / ₁₀									
Jackson	2											
McDougall					2							
Leatherman	11											
McKittigan	5											
McLaughlin	9											
Mulholland	1											
Munneley						2						
Snyder -	8											
Prenot				1								
McGraw				1								
Mitchell J.M.	1											
Shaffer		1										
Hackett				8								
Slaw			5 ¹ / ₁₀									
Huston	6											
	53 ¹ / ₁₀	2	12 ³ / ₁₀	18.	2	2						

Total 89 days

Return of overtime made during November/58

Yeager - 60. 2h	Gorman. 50. 7h	Dolman - 80 - 2h
Boyd - 4. 2	Burns 50. 7h	Lawrence H. 6 - 2
Bilton - 4. 2	Hunsell 5. 7	Slaw 8 - 1
Kensil - 4. 3.	Jackson 5. 4.	Carreagan - 3
Lambert - 4. 2.	Kelly 5. 4.	Hutchinson - 6
Long - 4. 2.	McDougall 5. 7.	O'Donald - 6 - 5
McDermott - 4. 2.	Leatherman 2. 7.	McQuinnis - 8. 8
Mitchell J. 4. 5.	McGully 5. 7.	Calhoun - 2 - 4
Moville - 4. 4.	McKittigan - 1. 8.	Thompson - 32 - 3h
Mullen - 4. 2.	McLaughlin 3. 0.	Hibbs - 3 - 0h
Rowan - 4. 4.	Mulholland 4. 2.	Hall - 4 - 6h
Skay - 4. 8.	Not - 5. 7.	Lincoln - 2 - 2h
Smith - 2. 7.	Munneley - 5. 4.	
VanHorn - 4. 2.	Snyder - 3. 9.	
Wigmore - 4. 2.	Thomas - 5. 4.	
Palmer - 2. 4.	Wiecek - 2. 1.	
Pickel - 2. 4.	Bowen - 2. 4.	
Stembeck - 3. 2.	Kern - 1. 2.	
Lawrence W. - 6.	Canby - 5. 1.	
Batchelor - 5. 1.	McGraw - 1. 1	
Bunker - 5. 7.	Tawdt - 5. 1.	
Collins - 5. 7.	Garrett - 6	
Deaney - 2. 2.	Shaffer - 3. 2	
Doyle - 5. 4.		

Return of absence of
workmen Shf. Cont^e
Dpt for - overtime
Nov. 1858

United States Army Office,

New York, Nov. 5, 1858.

Sir,

I send enclosed a statement of the operations of this Office in the months of July, August, and September.

I transmit also an approximate statement for the month of October.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. servt.,

S. J. Buttermuth

Sup

Hon. J. R. Newton, }
Director of the Milit. }

From / Supt. at Assay Office.
N.Y.

Nov. 1st '58

Statement for 3rd Quar & Oct. 1858.

Philada November 1 1858

Mr G R Childes

Der Sir in adding the Itimes from which I
mak up the Estimate for Shears I have found
A mistake which will Reduce it from
thirteen hundred Dollars to eleven hundred
and fifty which I hasten to correct

Yours Respectfully
David Gilbert

Philada October 30th 1858

To the Honorable J R Snowden
Director of the U S Mint

I herewith submit this my Estimate for
Building four Cutting Shears for the Rolling
Department said Shears to be all in one frame
and worked by Steam Power and to be got up
of the Best Material and workmanship
I will ^{build} said Shears and put up the ~~necessary~~
necessary Shafting below the floor for working
same and furnish Belting and put them
in Operation for the sum of
Thirteen Hundred Dollars \$1300.00

I will build them in about 4 Months from
the Order if favoured with the same

Respectfully Submitted by
Yours David Gilbert

United States Branch Mint,

New Orleans, Nov 1st 1858

for

Herewith inclosed
please find statement
of the condition of this
Institution for the week
ending 30th ultimo.

Very respectfully

W^m A. Brown
Supt

James R. Snowden Esq
Director Mint
Philadelphia

From / Supt. at New Orleans.

Nov. 8 / 58.

Weekly Statement to Oct. 30 -

December 1858

Nov. 3, 1858

William J. Welles.*Collections Promptly attended to and Proceeds Remitted at Current Rates of Exchange.*

References: Metropolitan Bank N.Y.
 Geo. Smith & Co. Chicago.
 Michigan Insurance Co. Detroit.
 Merch. Savings Loan & Trust Co. Chicago.
 Peninsular Bank Detroit.

Grand Rapids, Mich. Nov 21 1858

Mr. Supt. N. S. Elliot Phila
Dear Sir

*I enclose herewith for
 collection and my credit*

*my # 1458 on Metropolitan Bank \$50.00
 for which please send me per Express
 same amount of proceeds of the weekly
 earnings*

Respy J. Welles

June 5th

Wm F. Hall

Grand Rapids
Mich

Draft #50. —

New cents to turn

Wm F. Hall

Nov 9th 8.

Sir:

You will please find enclosed
Expense Acc. receipt for \$50. in new
Ant. paid, forwarded, as requested, in pay-
of your dft. on Abt. politician R. A. A. A.,
submitted to me under date of 3rd inst.

I am

Very respy.

Samuel R. Chapman
Director of the Mint.

Mr. W. J. Wells,
Grand Rapids,
Michigan

Nov. 4, 1858

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

November 4. 1858

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of \$44,443.05 in Silver Coins in payment for invoice N^o 239.

Very Respectfully

Wm. J. C. W. Co.

Treasurer

J. O. Watrous Esq

Treasurer U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

From

Geo J Leisco Treas
New York
Nov 4 1858

(Private & confidential.)

New York, Nov 4. 1838.

Genl Ross Snowden Esqr.

Director of the Mint

Dear Sir:

Having been addressed by Messrs M & Donnell Jun & Co to know on what terms we can supply them with large quantities of Nickel, we have been led to enquiries which have not resulted favourably to the standing of that House. Their Trade, so long as they continue to be patronized by the Mint, is of course an object of importance to us; and if in the employment you have given them you have had occasion to form an opinion of their standing contrary to that we have obtained, we would be gratified to receive it. But, as that is hardly to be supposed, we would be permitted to ask whether you can suggest any other channel by which the Mint may be supplied with our Nickel which may at once contribute to the advantage of the Mint and our own?

We beg to remain.

Yours most respectfully,

Irvington Mott & Co

From Dr
J. Van Hantvo
New York

Confidential

Supply of Michel
order 12 cases

Dec 6. 1838. —

Dec. 6. 8

Dear Sirs.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
your confidential favor of the 4th inst.

The demand for silver exceeds the
ability of the manufacturers here to supply us.
How long this large ^{demand} may continue I am
unable to say. But in view of our present
necessities I will be glad to purchase from
you, say twelve cases of 600 lbs each, to be
delivered, at the same rate of the former purchases,
and, in the shortest time practicable, furnishing
at present as much as you can conveniently
send us.

I am, with much respect,

your obt. servant,

James R. McDowell.

Super Intending Comptroller & Co. Director of the Mint.
New York.

Treasurer's Department Pennsylvania R. R. Co.

Philadelphia, Apr 4th 1858

J Ross Snowden Esq
 U S Mint
 Sir

We have a Ground Rent
 Lead which calls for the payment of the
 Interest in "American Silver Dollar, each
 Dollar weighing not less than 17 Grs. 6 Grains"

As the Coinage has been somewhat
 adulterated since this Lead was made,
 I shall be obliged if you will inform me
 of the exact difference in value between
 the Dollar named above & the present Dollar

Yours Truly
 Thos. T. Firth
 Treas.

414 17²

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412 $\frac{1}{2}$

10480

Yours To
Thos J Smith Esq
Hear^r Rem R.R.C.
Phie?

In relation to payment
of ground rent in
American Silver Dollars
+ +

Nov 4. 1882

Nov. 4, 8

Dear Sir,

In reply to your inquiry I give the following answer.

The "American silver dollar weighing not less than 17 dwts 6 grains" refers strictly to the dollar coined in Apr. 1837, which was of the legal weight of 17 dwts. 8 grs: the difference of 2 grains being no doubt an allowance for loss by wear.

A silver dollar coined before 1837 of full weight would be purchased at the mint at the price of $105\frac{1}{3}$ cents; or of the weight of "17 dwts 6 grains" at $104\frac{8}{10}$ cents. But we would only have in silver coin of the new issue. Hence there is some embarrassment in answering the question.

Without enlarging longer upon the subject, my opinion is ~~that~~ as follows:

The ground rent to which you refer
may be paid in American dollars of
the weight specified, or in Gold
Coins, assuming the silver dollar to be
of the value of $104\frac{8}{10}$ cents, that is to
say, to pay 100 "American silver dollars"
requiring not less than 17. dwt 6 grains
and requires \$104.80, 100 of which
may be paid in gold and 4.80 in
silver - silver coin being a legal
tender ~~unless~~ up to \$5.00.

I am very respectfully

Yours truly

James R. McQuinn
Director of the

Thomas J. Henth & Co.
Treasurers

Penn. Railroad Co.

P.S. It is proper I should
correct your expression as to our present
silver coinage. It is not "adulterated"
but only reduced in weight.

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

November 5, 1858

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of \$25,958.46 in payment for invoice N^o 240.

As per receipt and invoice N^o 248 enclosed, I have this day transmitted fifteen boxes silver button, of the net value of \$34,816.20 contains gold \$502.88 net.

I will thank you to remit half dollars for the former, and gold coins for the latter.

The Unpaid Silver invoices in your hands, now amount to upwards of \$293,000. and Depositors are exceedingly impatient for their returns. I trust you will remit the same as rapidly as practicable.

Very Respectfully,

W. Walton Esq

Treas^r U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

Wm. J. Eric
Treasurer

From
Jno J Cisco Treas
New York
Nov 5 1838

No. 248

Received from the TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES

ASSAY OFFICE, NEW YORK,

Fifteen boxes, containing

Silver Bullion, of the net value of (\$ *38,319.08*)

Thirty eight Thousand

Three Hundred & Ninety $\frac{8}{100}$ Dollars,

for transportation

which we agree to insure against all risks, and deliver to the TREASURER OF

THE UNITED STATES MINT AT PHILADELPHIA.

New York, *Nov 5* 185 *8*

For the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

John Hoey

ORIGINAL.

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295,

Freeing sentiment
Nov 5th 1858

Sir

The Superintendent of the Assay office at New York has transmitted me a copy of your letter of the 30th ult^o instructing him that Silver bullion after the 8th inst will be only purchased at the Mint. Both that officer and the Treasurer of the Assay office have made elaborate statements of the inconveniences to which the mercantile interests of New York will be subjected by this order. To give you an idea of some of their suggestions - the Superintendent says "To shut the door of the Assay office against silver, and keep the Mint door closed, will serve only to disoblige the Merchants of New York and those with whom they have commercial connections, by subjecting them to the expense and inconvenience of going to Philadelphia and to discriminate to the same extent in favor of the few who reside there. The expense of transporting bullion from New York to Philadelphia and returning the coins will be equivalent to reducing the price to 1.22 per ounce. If this were to be directly done, both at the Mint and the Assay office, without disturbing the existing arrangements by which the commerce of this city is so well accommodated I am satisfied that no complaint would be made. Indeed I am of opinion that the Market would bear a still further reduction, and that silver bullion would continue to be offered if the price were put at 1.21 per oz. In their opinion Mr. Treco concurs. If however the reduction of half a cent per oz is to be accomplished in the indirect manner proposed by the Director it will be regarded as an invidious discrimination in favor of the Mint, and loud complaints will be made by business men in this community"

The

From Secretary of Treasury

Nov. 6/88

Respectfully purchased of Silver at Annapolis &
New York.

The Treasurer of the Assay office says "New York is the receiving & distributing point for nearly all the silver which comes into the United States - and the supply being in the hands of the Merchants and Bankers intended for coinage, it can neither be increased, or lessened by depriving this office of any of its recognized functions, or in changing the point at which silver purchases shall be effected. Our Merchants are constantly in receipt of remittance from Mexico, South America &c in the form of "silver bags" & foreign coins which are deposited at once in this office, without further risk: to cancel them (to carry) this bullion to Phil^a and (wait) the return of coin would not only incur both risk and expense, but involve the necessity of employing agents, and occasion a further outlay in commissions, the effect of which would be to discriminate in favor of Phil^a to the extent of these costs.

"If the object of withdrawing the authority to purchase from this office, is to retain silver coins at hand, might not the same object be accomplished by reducing the present rate of payment of \$1.22½, to \$1.20 or \$1.21 per oz?"

With the present stock of silver change on hand at the Mint and the departments, I rather incline to the opinion that it will be expedient for the present to cease purchasing silver for coinage both at the Mint and New York, instead of continuing such purchases at the reduced price proposed. Bearing in recollection the encumbrances we were subjected to about a year since - when with a large balance in the hands of the Treasurer of the Mint we were unable to meet ordinary drafts on Phil^a except by transferring gold coin from New York, it strikes me that the present and prospective condition of the Treasury forbids ^{requiring that the} further accumulation of silver coins which cannot be lawfully tendered in payment of

of drafts for larger sums than ^{shall be required.} five dollars, at any rate the practical discrimination in the purchase of silver between New York and Philadelphia should not be enforced. The small percentage saved to the public in purchasing solely at the mint, is not sufficient to justify the occasion. In dissatisfaction stated in the foregoing extracts.

Find no difficulty in meeting the other reasons & arguments contained in these letters - but I desire your attention to these statements.

Very respectfully,
Yours obedt Servt

Wm W. Cobb

Secretary of the Treasury

A. R. Gordon Esq.

Secretary of the Mint

Phila

Treasury Department
First Auditor's Office
November 5 1838

James H. Walton Esqr
Treasurer U S Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

Your Bullion
account from the 11 July to 30 September 1838
is received

In future you are requested to pay the
freight on the transmission of your accounts
and charge the same in your ac of
Ordinary Expenses

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
J. L. Smith
Auditor

From

F L Smith

First Auditor

Nov 5-1858

Balto Nov 5th. 1858

Dear Sir

In the fall of 1857 there were made at the Mint at Phila a lot of Gold & Silver medals for the Maryland Institute - we should like to have made this year Twenty (20) Gold & one hundred & two (102) Silver Medals

If with your other engagements you can furnish the above medals you will confer a great favor on the Institute

Will you have the kindness to inform me how soon we may expect to receive them

Very Respectfully
L. L. Bartlett

Chm Exhibition Committee

Md Institute

Hon James Ross Snowden.

Director of Mint
Phila

Wm L. Bartlett

Baltimore
Md

order for medals
Md Institute

Aug. 1838

Nov 9th 8.

Dear Sir:

Your note of the 5th inst. has
been received.

The medals desired for the
Maryland Institute will be ready
for delivery in about two weeks from this
date.

Yours truly, &c.

Samuel R. Mearns,
Director of Mint.

J. S. Bartlett Esq.
Chr. Exhib. Socy. -
Baltimore,
Md.

Nov. 5, 1858.

HENRY J. ULLMANN,
PRESIDENT.

DANIEL ULLMANN,
CASHIER.

The Bank of Racine,

Racine, Wis.,

Nov 5th

1858

United States Mint
Philadelphia Pa

Herein we hand you our sight draft
The American Exchange Bank, New York \$50.
for which please send us further by express & oblige
Yours Truly
Daniel Ullmann Cash

Wm D

Bank of Racine
Racine
Wis.

\$50 Draft
Sent - new cent
when there for

Nov. 1838

Nov. 9th 8.

Sir:

Please find enclosed Express's
receipt for \$50. in new Ants, proceeds
of your lft. on Metropolitan St. New York,
emitted to me under date of 5th ult.

I am

Very respy.

Samuel Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Daniel W. Allen Esq.

Cashier Bk. of Racine,

Racine, Wisconsin.

Emt

Beales firm & Co
Boston Post
Boston
Mass

Payment for
advertising Copper

Nov 26, 1838

Office of the Boston Post, }
Boston, Nov 24 1858. }

James Ross Snowden Esq
Dear Sir

Enclosed find bill
received - as requested. The amount please
forward at your convenience

Respectfully
Beals Green
P. Edly

Nov 26. 8

Gentlemen

Enclosed please find check
on Girard & Paul & Co. for four $\frac{75}{100}$ dollars in payment
of your bill for advertising "copper for sale".

Very Respectfully,

W. B. Paul & Co.

Director of the Mint

Meigs Beal & Co.
Office Boston Post,
Boston,
Mass.

Hint of the United States,

Philadelphia,

185

Mar 4 1852

of the United States
to the Secretary of the
Department of the Interior
Washington D.C.

1852

To,
Sec Treasury

November 1858

Enclosing Specimens
of proposed new
cent. — I recommend
its adoption in lieu
of the present device

Nov 4, 1858

Nov. 4. 8

Sir

I have caused several experimental dies to be prepared with a view to an improvement in the Cent Coinage. The alloy of which this coin is composed is harder than gold or silver of standard fineness, and, therefore, it is a more difficult coin to strike than the others, that is to say, it does not come up as well. Our experience has shown that the present design of the Cent are ⁱⁿ too high relief taking into view the size of the eagle, and the largeness of the wreath. I am induced to recommend a change not only because of the difficulty just mentioned, but because the present design do not seem to be very acceptable to the public. I think this in great part arises from the fact that the public are not accustomed to see the Eagle when drawn from nature, and hence do not know him when presented to their view. They

are accustomed to see the heraldic eagle
namely the "eagle displayed", which bears
~~on its breast~~ ^{on its breast} an eagle
of America or indeed to any eagle.

The specimens which I herewith send
you have been struck from dies prepared
in lower relief than the present ones,
and with designs which will probably be
more acceptable to the public. The
obverse, it will be seen, presents an
ideal head of America - the drooping
plumes ^{of the North American Indian} giving it the character of North
America. It contains the usual legend
"United States of America", with the word
"Liberty" interlined. The reverse is a plain
laurel wreath surrounding the denomination
of the Coin - "One Cent".

I hope these designs, and the general
appearance of the Coin will receive your
approbation. If so, I propose to adopt
the dies on the first day of January
next. I ~~propose~~ ^{name} that time, because it
will take several weeks to prepare the

number of cutting dies, that we require
and besides, I think it best, as a
general rule, to avoid changes
during the ~~current~~ year.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,

Your faithful servant,

James Ross Snowden,
~~Director of the Mint.~~

Hon. Howell Cobb.

Secretary of the Treasury

(Washington City.)

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE / 1858 / NOVEMBER

U.S. Mint

General

correspondence

1858 / December

A. DOUBLEDAY, PRESIDENT.
C. W. SANFORD, V. PRESIDENT.
WM. R. OSBORN, CASHIER.

CAPITAL, \$200,000.

Bank of Binghamton,

Binghamton, N. Y. Dec 1st 1858

H. Patterson & Co
W. G. Mint

In accordance with your letter of
29th ult to I. Moulton you will please send us silver coin —
say \$400 in half dimes and balance in 5^c dolls

Yours
A. Rodgers for

From

H. C. Rogers Act Cashier
Bank of Birmingham
Birmingham N. Y.

Dec 1 1858

United States Mint
 1858 To The Adams Express Co Dr
 For Freight on Silver Bullion

3	19 Bx + 5 Kegs	to Assay Office New York	44,443.05 @ 150 p m	66 66
4	5 Kegs	" " " " "	25,295.55	37 94
5	9 "	" " " " "	45,286.03	67 93
6	15 Boxes	from " " " "	38,319.08	57 48
10	3 Bags	to " " " "	34,016.43	4 52
"	17 Boxes	from " " " "	41,091.18	61 64
11	50 "	to " " " "	50,581.03	75 87
"	19 "	from " " " "	47,817.53	71 73
12	10 Kegs	to " " " "	50,000.00	75 00
16	1 "	U.S. Depository Baltimore	5,000.00	7 50
17	19 Boxes	from Assay Office New York	41,127.80	69 94
"	11 Kegs + 3 Bx	to " " " "	58,823.15	88 23
22	7 " 2 " "	" " " "	36,390.98	54 59
23	5 " 16 " "	" " " "	41,091.76	61 64
24	9 " 3 " "	" " " "	47,817.53	71 73
25	1 Bag	U.S. Depository Baltimore	960.00	1 45
"	2 Kegs	Assay Office New York	10,000.00	15 00
				\$ 888.85

Correct:

R. Patterson

Incar. Clk.

Rec'd Payment

Adams Express Co

per R. W. Cuyler, Sup't

888.85

888.85

235.73

1124.58

The following subscriptions are made to defray
the expenses of Richard McDonald's funeral;
and will be paid to Messrs W. Barr, and
J. Craven who will see to the proper application
of the money, Nov, 1858.

paid. James Rose Snowden five dollars.

Jas C Booth	Paid	\$2.50
John Mc Taylor	Paid	1.00
Porter	Paid	50
Cash	do	2.5
Cash		25
J W Simpson	Paid	25
H P Moyer	Paid	5.0
Saml B. Baker	Paid	25
J Darrow	Paid	5.0
J Marks	Paid	5.0
R Selfridge	Paid	5.0
W Gink	Paid	5.0
J Stewart	Paid	5.0
J Garigues	Paid	2.5
J Loyer	Paid	5.0
W Reighler	Paid	5.0
J M Hain	Paid	5.0
J Crosby	Paid	5.0
W Dick	Paid	2.5
J McGarvey	Paid	5.0
L Watson	Paid	2.5
J Morgan	Paid	5.0
B M. Intyre	Paid	5.0

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L Heaton Paid 50.75 Cash 35-
 J Kottus sp. 50 Cash 25-
 M Collins Paid 25- Cash 50-
 P Carrigan Paid 25- Cash 25-
 J Cridland Paid 25- Cash 50-
 J H' Laughlin Paid 25- -
 Frank M' Quirk M.D. 8
 H. Keller 25

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Jasper Ly 25ch

Henry Baas 25-

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17.00
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 30.25-

John M' Lane 25-
 David Williams 25-

Cash 25-
 Cash 25-

Contributions
 to
 Melton's School
 Mrs M'cDonnell

$$\begin{array}{r} 950 \\ 650 \\ \hline 1000 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 350 \\ 875 \end{array}$$

$$950 \text{ } 1225$$

1858

Attica Dec 3rd

Gentlemen of the Mint

I have forwarded by express a small
package of gold dust for coinage and
would like returns as soon as convenient

Please pay the proceeds to the U.S.
Patent Office and oblige

Yours respectfully

J Chandler

To the U.S. Mint

Attica Seneca Co Ohio
J C

C.

Dear Sir

Mr J Chandler

Attica

New York

Respecting Deposit
for

Jan 4. 1858. -

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

December 21858

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of \$36,424.80 in Silver Coins for balance due on invoice No 252.

Please observe that \$135.41 on the above invoice should have been Gold Coins.

Very Respectfully,

Wm. J. C. W.

Treasurer

J. H. Walton Esq

Treas^r U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

P.S. I enclose invoice No 256 of two boxes
fine gold bars, of the net value of
\$159,848.24 for which please return draw
the eagles.

From

Mr J. Bisco Treas

New York

Dec 2 1858

No. *256*

Received from the TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES

ASSAY OFFICE, NEW YORK,

For boxes, containing

Gold Bullion, of the net value of (\$ *159,848.24*)

One hundred fifty nine Thousand
Eight hundred forty eight ^{*24*}/_{*100*} Dollars,

For transportation
which we agree to insure against all risks, and delivery to the TREASURER OF
THE UNITED STATES MINT AT PHILADELPHIA.

New York, *Dec 2* 185*8*

For the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

E. A. Bovee

ORIGINAL.

DEC. 4, 1858

To the Treasury

Omission of an
important sentence
by my clerk in
copying letter
of yesterday.

Dec 4, 1838.—

Sir,

Dec. 4 8.

On examining the fair copy of my letter to you yesterday I regret to notice that my clerk in copying the manuscript omitted an important sentence.

I have to request that you will either send the letter back to me for correction, or cause to be inserted at the end of the first page, the following words:—

Again, the expenditures of the mint establishment do not show the amount of burden it is upon the government:
(then follows the words - "for example")

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,

Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Gen. Howell Cobb,
U.S. Treasury
Washington City.

Burlington New Jersey
Dec 5. 1858.

My dear Sir

Having a little matter to attend to which deeply interests me, and will require my presence in Burlington to-morrow morning, you will I trust permit me to indulge the hope that my absence from the Mind upon this occasion, may meet with your approbation.

I shall take pleasure in explaining to you now only the cause of my absence, when I have the honor to meet you.

I am, very Respectfully
Truly your friend
A. B. C.

And J. R. Browder
Director, U. S. Mind } (over)

From Maj Burns
Burlington
N.J.

Excuse for not
being at the
Unit

Dec 6. 1838.

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

Dec 6, 1858

Sir

I herewith enclose Rec^d Invoice
No. 25th of Three boxes Gold Bullion, of
the net value of \$22^y, 963.20 for which
please return double eagles.

Very Respectfully

Wm J. Cress

Treasurer

Wm Walton Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

From

Jno Gleason Treas

New York

Dec 6 1858

No. 257

Received from the TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES

ASSAY OFFICE, NEW YORK,

Three boxes, containing

Gold

Bullion, of the net value of (\$ 227,963.20)

Two hundred & twenty seven thousand

Nine hundred & sixty three

$\frac{20}{100}$ Dollars,

~~which we agree to insure against all risks, and deliver to the~~ TREASURER OF

THE UNITED STATES MINT AT PHILADELPHIA.

New York, Dec 6, 1858

For the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

Shirley Hovey

ORIGINAL.

A. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

December 24th 1858

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of \$135,313.15 in gold coins in payment of
invoice No 254 & on ac of No 255.

Very Respectfully

J. D. Walton Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm. J. C. W.
Treasurer.

From
Jno J Cisco Esq
New York
Dec 7 1858

NEW YORK Dec 7th 1850

Dear Sir

Your favor of 6th inst was duly received. for which accept my thanks.

I regret I have again failed to express my wish regarding the "remedy of the mint" intelligible to you. I am well aware of what "remedy of the mint" means & how it is determined, but what I desire is, to know its value at the U S Mint. Thus, is it 1% or 20% or any intermediate rate.

There is one other point yet that is not clear to me thus.

Of 412.5 gr is the weight of a dollar. the ^{ounce of} it at a price of \$1.21 per standard silver is worth \$1.04 - - now if so, how is it that the weight & price of U S silver coin is 4% above this nominal value. I can well understand how, in this connection. that dollars are not now coined & that there now in circulation, weighing 412.5 gr are worth \$1.04 -. yet I cannot understand how it is, that the generic standard of our silver coin is 4% above this nominal value. for I presume of course that if 412.5 gr is the weight of a dollar, that the subdivisions

of a dollar. my sales, quantity & are of a
pro rata weight. If not, then your report
of their difference has escaped my
observation.

If you will advise me
on the two points referred to, you will
confer an additional favor on

Yours all servant

Chas H. Russell

My address is not at the City Hall. but simply
New York.

2 Ref. from the E
2 2.

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To

Charles A. Starnes &
New York

Value of U.S. Silver Coin
to

Dec 9. 1888. -

219

cents
116.26 to .

dollars

Dec. 9. 8.

Dear Sir,

Allow me to say, in response to your letter of the 7th inst, that your misapprehension of the Silver Coinage seems to arise from your want of examination of the "act relating to Silver Coinage", passed Feb. 21. 1853. The act of Jan. 18. 1837 fixes the weight of the silver dollar at 412.5 grains. This is unchanged. But the act above cited requires the weight of the half dollar to be 192 grains:—hence two half dollars do not weigh 412.5 grains but only 384 grains. The same reduction applies to the lower denominations of silver coin.

Dollar-silver by the act of Jan. 18. 1837 was rated at ¹⁶⁶176.36.....^{cents} per ounce of Standard fineness. Now, by the act of Feb. 21. 1853 the half dollars are rated at the rate of 125 cents per ounce.

But the Mint-price of silver is 121
Cents per ounce, payable in silver
Coins. The difference between 121
and 125 is the signenage to the
Government.

"The business of the Mint," which
I have heretofore explained, has no
value at all. Its use is to enable
the Mints to work without difficulty,
and keep up an average exactitude
to the precise standards of
weight and fineness as fixed by
Law, - allowing no variations,
either above or below the standard
weight and fineness exact
defined by Law.

Very respectfully
your obt. servant,

Charles H. Haswell Esq
New York.

James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 8-1858

Washington, Dec. 8, 1858.

Dear Sir:

We send you, to day,
a proof of your Report.

You will oblige us if
you will return it by next mail,
as we are anxious to have it printed
immediately.

With great respect,
C. Wendell
per John Larcombe

Jas. Ross Snowden, Esq.

Emt To
to Kendall
Public Printer
Washington

Proof of my
Annual Report

Dec 10. 1838

Proof returned under
cover to Amos B. Brown

Dec 10. 8.

Dear Sir,

I have to thank you for
your favor of the 8th inst received this morning,
enclosing a proof of my annual report
which I have examined and herewith return
to you.

Very Respectfully & Truly,
C. ...
Director of the Mint.

C. Mendall Esq.,
Public Printer
Washington City.

DEC. 8-1858



Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

(Executive Department)

Council Chamber

(Boston), Dec 29 1858.

My Dear Sir,

Can you, without inconvenience, give me an estimate of the amount of Gold & Silver Currency in the United States. My desire is to ascertain the probable aggregate of Solid currency in the country.

I suppose you have estimates of this character in your department. My object is to contribute as far as I can to

the Substitution of Solid Currency for that of paper, as a common medium of Exchange. Very truly I am Sir

J. R. Snowden, Esq.
Director &c

NATHL. P. Banks

From To

His Excellency

Nathl. P. Banks,

Governor of Mass

Boston

Amount of gold
and silver in the
U. States

Dec 11, 1858. -

Mint of the United States.
Philad.^a Dec 13, 1858.

Sir,

I have received your letter

Dec 13 1858

Received of the
Mint of the United States
the sum of \$100.00
for the purchase of
gold coins

Wm. A. Rorer

1200

To,

Hon Nathl P Banks

Governor

Boston

Mass.

Private

Desiring Sentence
struck out of copy
of my letter to Govt.
Sept.

Dec ^{13th} ~~24~~ 1857. —

Dear Sir,

Dec. 11.th 8.

As a convenience made of replying
to your letter of the 8.th inst I send you enclosed
a copy of a part of a communication I made
to the Secretary of the Treasury on the 3.rd October
1856. In reference to the amount of gold and
silver coin in the U. States, the Secretary in his
Report on the Finances for the year ending June 30. 1856,
- See page 28 of the Report - says, "The Director of
the Mint estimates the gold and silver remaining
in the Country at \$200,000,000, on the data stated
in his communication accompanying this report;
and the Department at \$250,000,000, upon the data,
and for the reasons, stated in my last report."
But by some singular mistake the Communica-
tion to which he refers was not printed with the
report. I therefore send it to you that you may
see the data upon which I founded the conjecture
that the sum of \$200,000,000 in gold and silver

Coin was, in 1856, in this Country.

Whatever opinion may be formed as to the reliability of the data upon which my estimate is founded I have every reason to believe that it is a reasonable one, and furnishes something of a starting point. Since that time the Coinage operations of the mints and the assay office furnish us with useful data.

The gold that is exported is that which is made into bars. This is so, not only because they are more convenient for that purpose, than coin, but for a greater reason, namely, they cost the owner of bullion £s, inasmuch as there is a coinage charge of the half of one per cent, which does not apply to bars. Hence I infer that the chief part of the gold which goes abroad is in fine bars, and that which is coined remains in the Country. Some portion of the coinage is no doubt exported; to meet this, in part at least, I omit the ^{gold} coinage from my statement December 1856 in the statement which follows.

Besides the gold coinage, we have remaining in the Country all the silver coin struck since

my estimate was made.

We may then make the Statement as follows:

Gold Coins, January to June 1857	\$15,811,000
do do June 1857 to June 1858.	30,253,000
Silver do June to December 1856	1,335,000
do do January to June 1857	1,477,000
do do June 1857 to June 1858	9,517,000
Estimate made in October 1856	206,000,000
Estimated amount of Gold & Silver in U.S. Sept. 1858.	\$258,393,000

It gives me pleasure to respond to your request, especially as I learn from your letter, that your "object is to contribute as far as you can to the substitution of a solid Currency for that of paper, as a common medium of exchange."

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your obt. servant,
James Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

His Excellency
Nathl. P. Banks
Governor of Mass.
Boston.

Private.

Dec. 13. 8

My dear Sir,

In the extract from my letter to the late Secretary of the Treasury which I sent to you on Saturday last (11th inst), there is one sentence ~~which~~ inadvertently copied which I had intended to omit, namely, the following words on the 4th page, "Besides, it may well be doubted whether the Constitutional provision which declares upon Congress the duty to 'Coin money; regulate the value thereof, and of foreign Coins; give the power to ^{authorise the} manufacture of bills merely for Commercial purposes."

You will please regard these words as struck from the MS. I sent you. I do this, ~~not~~ because I do not wish to raise that point, and it might be regarded in certain quarters as an invidious remark.

I make this communication because I suppose you may wish to make a public use of

My letter to you and of the report I sent
you. To this I have no objection if the
sentence I have indicated be omitted.

I most earnestly hope you may be able
to adopt measures to increase the circulation
of gold and silver and pro tanto diminish
that of paper.

In my report on the operations of the Mints
for the year ending June 30. 1857, you will
find a single remark on the subject of the
great increase in the production of gold
and silver during the last few years. I
refer you to the Report of the Sec. of the Treasury
on the Finances for 1856-7. page 50.

I published a small pamphlet on the
subject of the Currency in December 1857.
The copies (but a few were printed) are ex-
hausted otherwise I would send you one.
But nevertheless I send you a copy of a
bill which I prepared to carry the
suggestions contained in the pamphlet
into effect.

I am, with great regard,
Yours most truly,
James R. Chandler

Wm. A. B. C. Parker.
— Jenner, &c. &c.

Porter.
Map.

Extract from a letter of Hon James Ross
Snowden, Director of the Mint, to the Secretary
of the Treasury, dated Phil^a Oct. 7. 1856.

"I now notice that part of the
resolution of the House which is in the
following words "with such suggestions to
prevent and restrain the export of gold
and silver" as may be deemed relevant
to the establishment of a sound currency,
and to retire the small denominations of
bank notes as fast as gold and silver
can be obtained and substituted"

The evils of a small note circula-
tion are too apparent to need argument or
elucidation. With a sound currency so far
as relates to national affairs. Thanks to
the Independent Treasury law. ^{we} ~~we~~ have
the most diversified circulation of any
country. By virtue of State laws nearly
fourteen hundred banks are authorized to
issue paper notes; many of them of the

low denomination of one dollar. With a circulation of near two hundred million of notes, it may readily be seen why the constitutional provision in regard to coin and money have, in a great measure, failed to give the people a sound and wholesome circulation. And this, too notwithstanding the mints have issued 500 millions of dollars in coin. But the difficulty consists in entrusting the State legislation on this ~~subject~~ ^{point} to the Congress people, who have the power to remedy the evil. I am not prepared to say, the only remedy which has ever been mentioned so far as I have noticed, is one suggested by Mr Gallatin, who in view of the taxation power vested in Congress proposed to lay a tax on small notes. Whoever can suggest and carry into effect a proper constitutional remedy, will, be entitled to the lasting gratitude of his country.

No apprehension need be entertained
as to supplying the place of the notes when
they are withdrawn. The moment they

are withdrawn gold and silver will take their place, and without the slightest injurious effect upon the commercial and industrial pursuits of the country. Large amounts of coin, now lying idle and withheld from circulation on account of small notes, used immediately in a great measure, supply the vacancy. Besides the Mints can furnish in abundant issues any additional amount that may be required.

It might be well to consider, on the subject of the exportation of gold, how far the discrimination against the coinage of bullion and in favor of fine bars operates to favor the exportation. By the existing laws a charge of the half of one per cent is made for coinage, but there is no such charge for manufacturing fine bars. Hence there is an inducement to the owners of bullion to have their returns in fine bars rather than in coin. These bars are only used for exportation; and thus the government offers greater inducement for the manufacture of gold for exportation than for coinage. As gold will go wherever

it is demanded, and no legislation can, or ought to interfere with its exportation, any more than it would impose obstacles to the exportation of corn or cotton or any other production of the soil or sub-soil, yet it would seem to be the interest of the country to avoid this discrimination in favor of bars, and to require the same charges upon bullion put in that form for exportation, as when manufactured into coin for home circulation. (Besides, it may well be doubted whether the constitutional provision which devolves on Congress the duty, "to coin money; regulate the value thereof, and of foreign coins," gives the power to authorize the manufacture of bars merely for commercial purposes.)

I have as requested, examined the estimates You presented in Your last annual report on the finances,

and in your last Bank report, as to the amount of gold and silver remaining in the country. Our efforts to arrive at any conclusions on this point are at best but mere conjectures. I have however fully considered the point in question, and by two different modes have arrived at the conjecture that the amount may be stated at \$200,000,000. As a curious coincidence, as to results; and to exhibit the bases of my calculations I will venture to present them to you somewhat in detail.

1. An estimate of the amount of coin in the U. States based upon the number of inhabitants.

Population of the U. States, say 25,000,000
Payables, say 5,000,000

Of these about $\frac{4}{5}$ are workmen or others receiving from \$300 to \$500 per ann and may be supposed to hold on an average \$50 at a time. 4 millions 250,000,000
The remaining $\frac{1}{5}$ may be supposed to hold on an average say \$100, 100,000,000
The Banks hold - 54,000,000
Other institutions than Banks, $\frac{1}{3}$ as much - 18,000,000
Banks have a Capital of \$118,000,000, and may be supposed to hold 10 per cent. of their capital at a time, say 12,000,000
\$204,000,000

2. An estimate of gold and silver coin in the U. States based upon statistics of coinage. It may at least be interesting to look at this subject from another point of view, than that presented in the former estimate.

We know what the Mint and its branches have coined; we know what kind of coins have been subject to exportation; and what likely to remain in the country; and we know the general character of our specie currency.

1. We have undoubtedly, the whole silver coinage executed under the law of 1853.

2. There is still a quantity of the previous silver issue; which, from the rate at which it now finds its way, in small deposits, to the Mint, can hardly exceed \$2,000,000.

3. The old Spanish and Mexican fractional silver coins, cannot be less than \$3,000,000.

4. The entire coinage of gold dollars; a coin not liable to exportation, and not much exposed to remelting by gold smiths.

5. The entire coinage of quarter eagles, since the first change of standard,

in 1833, inclusive.

6. The entire coinage of half eagles, since the commencement of the coinage of eagles, in 1838. Some of these have no doubt gone out of the country, but those that remain, of prior date, may be a fair set-off.

7. All the three-dollar pieces.

8. The entire coinage of eagles, since the double-eagle began to be largely coined in 1850. The same remark for counterbalance of error, may be repeated here, as under the sixth item.

9. The entire coinage of double-eagles, since the year 1853, when commercial bars began to be largely issued. This item also is subject to the same qualification as just referred to.

As to the quantity of Sovereigns, Mexican dollars, and five franc pieces floating through the country, and generally finding their way to the mint, it is not large, and may hardly be an offset to what has been consumed, out of the above items, for gold and silver manufactures.

Nothing more can fairly be added to this catalogue; if there is error it must be in our estimate. We know that the whole U. States coinage of gold prior to 1833, and the whole silver coinage prior to 1853 (save perhaps \$2,000,000, as already allowed) have been recoinced here or elsewhere, or disappeared from the country. - We know that the exportation of gold has always kept close upon us, at least so far as first to demand our larger coins, and then our commercial bars. These considerations kept in view, we have some reasonable data for making an estimate, from the printed tables of coinages.

It should be added, in regard to the first half of the present year (1856) that the gold coinage of San Francisco is not included, as it mainly took the place of commercial bars to that extent, and was no doubt used for exportation.

Statement in round numbers, agreeably to the annexed data, to end

of 1855.

1. Silver coinage, under act of 1853,	\$20,800,000
2. Former issue of Silver, remaining,	2,000,000
3. Old Spanish and Mexican fractions,	3,000,000
4. Gold Dollars,	14,150,000
5. Quarter Eagles, since 1833,	19,900,000
6. Half Eagles, since 1838.	39,450,000
7. Three Dollar pieces,	650,000
8. Eagles, since 1850,	17,000,000
9. Double Eagles, since 1853.	69,300,000
	<u>186,250,000</u>

Add for the 1st six months of 1856 &
the gold coinage of all the Mints }
except San Francisco, } 10,125,000
For the same period all the
Silver coinage ————— 3,800,000
\$200,175,000

In round figures \$200,000,000.

As before mentioned, these estimates
are at best but conjectures, but I incline
to the opinion that the aggregate of gold
and silver coins remaining in the United
States does not exceed two hundred

Millions of dollars; and yet I may
be far from the true amount and
your own estimate at two hundred
and fifty millions be nearer
the mark!

Boston . Dec 13. 1858.

My dear Sir.

I have received
your note of the 11th instant.
with enclosed. & tract of your
letter of October 1856.

The information is very
full and satisfactory upon
the points I named and.
I present you my hearty
thanks ~~for you~~ for your
kindness " and for ^{the} valuable
facts furnished me.

There is great
need of information upon this

subject as it is the interest
of paper currency men
to depreciate the amount
of gold & silver currency.
in order to prepare the public
mind for the action &
support of excessive paper
issued

I should be very
much pleased if I could
have permission from you
to have the document printed
by our Legislature, but
shall not do so. nor use
your name in the connection

but with your consent.

There will be an earnest
effort in this state to
largely increase our
already excessive Bank
capital. the coming year.
such important information
therefore becomes immediately useful.

Most truly Yours

Nathl P. Barry

Wm Dr R. Smothers
Secretary U. S. Mint &c

Wm
Hon St Pauls
for Mass,
Boston

Thanking me
for my letter
enclosure of
1st inst

Dec 15, 1858

DEC. 13-1858

ALSO - COPY OF
EXTRACTS FROM
LETTER OF

OCT. - 7 - 1856

SNOWDEN - TO -

SEC'Y. OF TREASURY

1858

Dec. 6.

8.

Dear Sir,

The term "remedy of the mint" means the difference in fineness and weight, on either, or variations, which the law allows above or below the exact standard.

See Sections 22. & 25 of the General Mint Law (act of Jan. 18. 1837).

I infer however from a remark you make in reference to English Silver, that you mean by the above phrase the difference or profits on Coinage.

If that is your idea, you can deduce the value from the following data: the silver is purchased at 121 cents per ounce standard and the same is reduced into 125 cents.

I further answer to your letter of this

month, I have to state that if silver
silver is worth 121 cents, then fine
silver is worth $\frac{10}{9}$ the i. e. $134\frac{4}{9}$ cents.

The old silver dollar at
 $\frac{412\frac{1}{2}}{480} \times 1.21$ cents, gives 1.03.98, say
104 cents as the mint value at the
present time.

I hope this explanation will
enable you to understand the
subject.

I am, Very respectfully,
Yours obt. servt.
James Ross Anderson
Director of the Mint.

Charles H. Haswell Esq
Office No. 5 City Hall
New-York.

DEC. 8, 1858

Dec 8. 8.

Sir,

Referring to a letter recently (30th ult^o) addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury - a copy of which I suggested should be placed in your hands - I have now to state that the letter of the U. S. Consul at Pernambuco besides correcting the error into which we fell in relation to the milreis, indicates that a somewhat different basis ought to be assumed in preparing the tables of values of foreign coins to be used for the specific purpose stated in your correspondence with me.

When I was called on to prepare these tables I had but a few days previously, in my Annual Report, embraced a statement of the "average weight, fineness and value of

Such foreign coins as are known to our commerce. This circumstance doubtless contributed to an arrangement of values, which I am now disposed to consider inaccurate for your purpose.

In gold coins our tables make the comparison by taking our own coin as of full legal weight and fineness, whereas in accord to foreign coins only their average weight - after wear, and actual assay. Hence while at Pernambuco they rate our gold so as to make the milreis 55 cents, we in Philadelphia rate their gold so as to make the milreis 54.5 cents. I am now of opinion that to equalize settlements with embassadors and consuls it would be better to calculate their gold as of full weight and fineness.

~~But in some countries gold does not~~ furnish the commercial basis; and here we are much embarrassed because by our law there is no longer any fixed valuation of silver, except for a depreciated and subsidiary coinage; nor do we pay for foreign silver coins in gold. Now, as to the following countries -

England, France and Brazil — we are sufficiently informed to make our amended statement; but in regard to all others we need some facts which could be obtained by a circular letter to our representatives and consuls abroad, to the following effect:

1. Are drafts from ~~over~~ the United States usually paid in gold or in silver, where you reside.
2. What is the value put upon the gold coin of the U. States of full, un worn weight, at the National Mint, or by dealers in bullion, expressed in the money-terms of the place where you reside. And if our ~~gold~~ gold coin is too little known to give an answer, please state the same facts in regard to the English Sovereign, or the 20 franc piece of France.
3. What is the lawful weight and fineness of the principal gold coins and silver coins of the country where you reside.
4. Are both gold and silver coins legal tenders at their nominal values for all sums.

4
You can probably, suggest the proper mode
of obtaining answers to these enquiries.

In the meantime I will let this matter
rest until I have your views upon it.

I am, very Respectfully,
Your obt. Servant,
James R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint

Am. M. Medill,
Comptroller,
Treasury Department,
Washington City.

To
Comptroller Treasury

In relation to tables
of Foreign Coins

Dec. 8. 1858

Bedford Westchester County
New York Dec 8th 1858

Mr. Snowden

Dear Sir

Will you
please inform me whether
the present coinage of the
United States, of Quarter and
Half Dollars, are lawful
tender in large amounts

Respectfully Yours
S. H. Smith



Wm & L
J H Smith Esq
Bedford
New York

The amount
to which seven
cents are a
legal tender

Dec 14, 1838

Dec 12. 8.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the
8th inst I have to state that the present
half dollar and its subdivisions, is a
legal tender for all sums not exceeding
five dollars!

Very Respectfully,
~~Sam. R. [illegible]~~
Director of the Mint.

Mr. S. H. Smith
Bedford Westchester Co.
New-York.

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

December 8. 1858

Sir

As per receipt and invoice No 258 enclosed, I have this day Transmitted by the Adams Express Company, five boxes Silver, of the net value of \$ 12,139.42 Contains Gold \$ 420.84 net.

I will thank you to remit for the former, Silver dollars; and for the latter gold coins.

Very Respectfully

J. H. Walton Esq.

Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm. J. Cress
Treasurer

From
Jno J Cisco Lucas
New York
Dec 8 / 1858

ORIGINAL.

No. *258*

Received from the TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES

ASSAY OFFICE, NEW YORK,

Five

boxes, containing

Silver

Bullion of the net value of (\$ *12,860.46*)

Twelve Thousand, Eight

Hundred & Sixty

46
100 Dollars,

which we agree to insure against all risks, and deliver to the TREASURER OF

THE UNITED STATES MINT AT PHILADELPHIA.

New York, *Dec 8* 185*8*

For the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

L. Parker

DEC. 8-1858

Hint of the United States,

Philadelphia,

185

To Sec Treasury

December 1868

Indorsing Statement
Monthly Court
to
Dec 1, 1868.

Correspondence
U. S. Mint

December, 1858

413 + 600 of year 7 the same

Dec 1. 8.

Sir,

I enclose a statement of the Deposits and Coinage at the Mint during the month of October, (ultr.) also, a statement shewing the amount and denomination of coins in the Treasury of the Mint at the close of business yesterday.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James A. B. [Signature]
Director of the Mint.

Hon Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Dec. 1st 8.

Sir,

The usual monthly count and examination made at the Mint at the close of business yesterday exhibited the following balances in the hands of the Treasurer viz:

In Gold Coins	\$ 143.60
" Silver "	183,189.85
" Cents	277.02
" Ordinary Fund	37,119.42
" San Francisco Br Mint Fund	18.66
" Repair Fund	24.59
Total	<u>\$ 364,324.54</u>

corresponding with the balances as stated upon his books of account.

The following balances were found

at the same time to be in the hands of the
Asst. Treasurer of the U. States in gold and
silver coin, viz:

General Treasury Fund	\$ 184,162.55
Post Office Monies	47,316.86
U. S. Loans	24,876.49
Coupons	1,190.00
Disbursers Fund	196,446.60
Total	<u>\$ 453,992.50</u>

agreeing with the account books in his
office.

An examination into the condition of
the Mint generally gave satisfactory evidence
that the business of the institution is
conducted with fidelity and care and
a proper attention alike to the interests
of the Government and the public.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

James R. McDowell,
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,

DEC. 8-1858

CROWELL & COLLINS, Agts.

Philadelphia, Dec 9 1858

To Samuel Collins Dr.

DOLLS. | CTS.

77 Emby Lucia Kgs. 14

308

Amount of Outrage

159

Expenses.

4, 58

Received Payment for) CROWELL & COLLINS,

From NEW YORK.

Received Payment for CROWELL & COLLINS,
From NEW YORK. Per Jos. S. Collins. Crowell & Collins

Slint of the United States,

Philadelphia,

185

To,

May Ben Perry Poore
Sec U.S.A Society
Washington City

Transmitting 40 copper
13 bronze medals,

Dec 8, 1838.

Dec 8. 8.

Sir.

I send to you address to-day
per Adams Express 6^o a box containing 40
copper medals ready for engraving, and 5 bronze
medals belonging to a former lot. The gold
and silver medals are in course of manufacture
and will be finished and forwarded to you
by the 1st fortnight.

I will thank you to acknowledge
the receipt of the medals now forwarded.

Very Respectfully,

Samuel R. Rowden.
Director of the Mint.

Major Ben Perley, Comr.,
Sec. U. S. Artillery Society,
Washington City.

U.S. MINT

GENERAL

CORRESPONDENCE

1858 / DECEMBER

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1858 / DECEMBER

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

December 10. 1858

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of \$ 142,040.55 in Gold Coins in payment
for balance of invoice No. 255. and on ac of
No 256.

Very Respectfully

J H Walton Esq

Treasurer U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

Wm J Esce

Treasurer

P.S. I also enclose receipt & invoice No.
259. of six boxes silver, of the net
value of \$ 13,661.15 for which please re-
mit quarter dollars.

J H Walton
Esq

From

Mr J Cisco Lucas
New York

Dec 10 1858

ORIGINAL.

No. *259*

Received from the TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES

ASSAY OFFICE, NEW YORK,

Six

boxes, containing

Silver

Bullion, of the net value of (\$ *13,661.15*)

Thirteen thousand, six

hundred & fifty one

15
100 Dollars,

for transportation
~~which we agree to insure~~ against all risks, and delivery to the

TREASURER OF

THE UNITED STATES MINT AT PHILADELPHIA.

New York,

Dec 10

185

For the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

[Signature]

New York Dec 8th 1858

James R. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
D. C.

Your favor of the 6th inst.
reached us this morning.

We will be glad to supply you with
12 Cases Nickel, each containing 1000, at
price & on terms as stated in your letter.

Per the "Persia", now due, we expect an invoice
part of which is sold, but we will reserve
for you 4 Cases, which we hope to forward
you within a few days.

During the present month, we expect to
be able to complete your order, at all
events during the month of January next.
Meanwhile remain

Yours respectfully
J. Van Hook

From Longfellow & Co.
New York

Supply W
Nickel

Dec 9, 1855.

Stm Berth Sen Esq

Dear Sir,

This letter
was received a day or two
since by the Director of the
Mint & I asked him
to give you an opportunity
to purchase the Comptroller
to. — You can write to
the gentlemen & get
his terms or make
him an offer the former
course is perhaps

preferable. — When
you get done with
this letter please return
it to me

Very yours
H R Litchman
Dec 13/58

Harrisburg Bank:

Dec 10 1858.

R Snowden Esq

Excuse me for
troubling you with a matter altogether
foreign to your interests, but yet somewhat
in your line. A friend has in possession
several rare coins which he is desirous
to dispose of. I thought that your po-
sition enabled you to know of some who
are curious in such matters, to whom
if you know of any I would be glad
if you would hand this letter.

I will be much obliged if you will
take this trouble for me & my friend.
Very respectfully
Geo N. Small

I give a description on the other side

From
Geo H Small Esq
Harrisburg
Pa

Specimen old
coin for sale &—

Dec 23, 1858.—

American Dollar date 1836
smooth edge

" Cent date 1783

Head of Washington
Inscript "Washington
& Independence"

Reverse Wreath containing
"E Pluribus Unum"
State of America

" " similar in all respects

" " date 1783 face as
above. Reverse Female
figure holding an olive
branch in her right hand
— in her left a staff
supporting a shield
Legend "United States"

An American gold dollar of 1852

" " Cent date 1793

" " " " 1794

All of the above are in excellent
preservation not defaced, except the reverse of
the cent of 1794

DEC. 19, 1858

Minst of the United States,

Philadelphia, Dec 10, 1858

Dear Sir,

I have to thank you for
you favor of the 8th inst. received this morning your
enclosing a proof of my
Annual Report, which I have ~~corrected~~
examined and herewith return to you

To
Am Honell Cobb
Sec Treasury

In reply to letter
of Mr Haller of
York Pa as to
preserving property
of nickel cent when
swallowed by children

Dec 10 1882

Dec. 10. 8.

Sir,

In reply to the letter of Mr. J. M. Haller-
referred to me by the department - I have to state
that nearly all the nickel, used in making
the new cent, is obtained from an ore in
Pennsylvania, which contains no arsenic.
The Copper, which comprises the other half
of the alloy, is obtained from Lake Superior,
and is of the best quality known in the
world; and is likewise free from arsenic.

Moreover there is no more danger in swallow-
ing the cent than there is of buttons
or other small articles of daily use. They
will pass off from the system with food
without injurious effects.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Yours faithfully,
James Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Ans. Horace Cobb.
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

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and is of the best quality known in the
world; and is likewise free from arsenic.

Moreover there is no more danger in circulating
the cent than there is of buttons
or other small articles of daily use. They
will keep off from the system with good
without injurious effects.

Respectfully,
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Yours faithfully,
James Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 10. 8.

Sir,

In reply to the letter of Mr. S. N. Hall—
referred to me by the department—I have to state
that nearly all the nickel, used in making
the new cent, is obtained from an ore in
Pennsylvania, which contains no arsenic.
The Copper, which comprises the other half
of the alloy, is obtained from Lake Superior,
and is of the best quality known in the
world; and is likewise free from arsenic.

Moreover there is no more danger in circulating
the cent than there is of buttons
or other small articles of daily use. They
will keep off from the system with good
without injurious effects.

Respectfully,
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Yours faithfully,
James Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

December 11, 1858

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of \$107,963.20 in gold coins in payment
of invoice No 254 & on Ac of No 257.

Very Respectfully

J H Walton Esq.
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm J Ego
Treasurer.

From

John J. Cisco Treas
New York

Dec 11 / 1858

Dec. 11-1858

U. S. Mint Philadelphia

December

1858

Col. James Ross Snowden.

Sir,

Pursuant to your instructions to report the facts relative to the Patent Roucoult Grate Bars, as requested by Mr. Fris, I beg leave to state as follows:

1.st That after being tried for several weeks in one of the three furnaces under our boilers, their operation proved so satisfactory that a series of experiments were made by your direction for testing their properties, as compared with the bars then in use, which were the best kind we then knew of. These experiments were conducted with all possible care, as was shown by the detailed report made to you at the time, ~~and~~ an accurate account being kept of pound of coal used and of water evaporated; and the results were such as to preclude all doubt as to the superior excellence of the new bars. They were in consequence adopted in all three of our boiler furnaces.

2.nd They have now been in constant use for

3.rd The opinion now entertained of them is the same as that which caused their adoption; only strengthened & confirmed by time.

To / N. P. Trist.

Dec. 27/58.

Philad.

Opinion entertained of Patent
Recent Gate and use, in
the Mint.

U. S. Mint, Philadelphia
December 1858

N. P. Trist Esq.

Dear Sir,

In compliance with your request to be furnished with a statement of the circumstances under which the Rowcut Patent Grate Bars were adopted in the furnaces of this establishment, the length of time they have been in use here, and the opinion now entertained of them, I take pleasure in handing you the enclosed report from the Engineer, ~~under~~ ^{who has the charge of} whose special direction the furnaces ~~are~~ in the Mint.

U S Mint Philadelphia
December 23rd / 58

Col James Ross Snowden

Sir in accordance ^{with} your instructions ^{make the following} i report to you the facts relative to the patent Roucot Grate Bars (as requested by Mr Trist) i beg leave to state as follows

1st That after a carefull Trial for several weeks by measuring the amount of water used and the amount of Coal to evaporate the water we found that the Roucot Bars would decidedly evaporate more water with the same amount of Coal than the Bars then in used by us in competition which Bars where the Best then known ^{to} us

2nd we found that by putting the whole draught of the chimney on we could burn more coal ~~with~~ and evaporate more ^{water} with the old Bars than we could with the patent ones but in proportion with the coal used the patent Bars evaporated the most water

This second experiment satisfied me that the Bars could not be recommended in all places in establishments where they hardly have sufficient Boilers the patent Bars would not do but in all places where they have plenty of Boiler the same as we have in the Mint they are decidedly the best

The Bars ~~have~~ have been in use by us near three years and i find that they will wear fully as long as the old fashioned bar whilst they save us full fifty Dollars per year in weight of Metal

Yours most Respectfully
Chas Johnson

Phil^a Dec^r 11. '58

Col^o James Ross Snowden
Director U. S. Mint

Dear Sir,

I will ask the favour of you to furnish me with a written statement of the circumstances under which the Patent Rowcut Gate Bars were adopted in the furnaces of the Mint, the length of time they have been in use there, and the opinion now entertained of them.

Very respy & truly
Yrs

A. A. Trill

Decr 24. 8.

Dear Sir:

I have the pleasure of handing you the enclosed copy of a Report from the Engineer in charge of the Furnaces of the Mill, in reference to the use of the Patent Revovent Grate Bars and the opinion entertained of them, in compliance with the request contained in your note of the 11th inst.

Very respectfully
Yours.

Samuel R. P. Snowden.
Director of the Mill.

A. L. Smith, Esq.
Agent.

(Copy)

Mint of the U. S.

Philad. 23^d Dec, 1858.

Sir,

In obedience to your instructions, I have given the following report
relative to the Patent Rowant Plate and now in use at the Mint:

These bars have been used in the Mint during the past three years
and every that time have been fully tested. My experiments with them
had decided me of the superiority of these bars and my opinion of them may
thus be stated.

1st That the Patent Rowant Plate Bars will evaporate more water
with the same amount of coal than the bars previously employed in the Mint
and which are the best then have been.

2nd That for establishments where, as in the Mint, there is sufficient water,
these Plate bars are the best. I found that the old bars would consume more
coal, but in proportion to the fuel used, that the Rowant bars evaporated the most
water.

During the period in which these bars have been used in the Mint I have
found that they work as well as the old bars, and not being of a lighter weight, I
estimate a annual saving from their introduction of fifty dollars.

Very respectfully, &c.

(Signed) Charles Johnson,

Engineer.

Wm. James Ross, Treasurer,
Director of the U. S. Mint.

Rooms U. S. Agr. Society,
Washington, Dec 11, 1888.

Sir.

The box containing 40 copper medals and
5 bronzed medals, has been received, and is
herely acknowledged.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant,

Ben. Perley Poore,

Sec. U. S. Agr. So

Hon. James Ross Snowden,

Director of the Mint.

Philadelphia.

From Sec U. S. Agr. Soc.

Washington

ackd. receipt
of money

Dec 14, 1858. —

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

Dec 13 1858

Sir

I have this day transmitted by
the Adams Express Company as per receipt and
invoice N^o 260 one box gold bullion of the
net value of \$74,347.07 for which please
emit double Eagles

Very Respectfully

Wm. J. Cisco
Treasurer

J. H. Walton Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

From

Geo J Leisco Secy

New York

Dec 13 1858

No. *240*

Received from the TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES

ASSAY OFFICE, NEW YORK,

One boxes, containing

Gold

Bullion, of the net value of (\$ *44,347.07*)

Sixty Four Thousand, three

Hundred & forty seven

07 Dollars,
100

for Transportation
~~which we agree to insure against all risks, and deliver to the~~ TREASURER OF

THE UNITED STATES MINT AT PHILADELPHIA.

New York, *Dec 13* 185*8*

For the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

John Hoey

ORIGINAL.

Dec. 13, 1858

To
Hon Alex Campbell
Member. & & &
Kingston
Canada
West

ackd. receipt of
com's

Dec 13, 1858.

1738
June 10 2.
Sir,

It gives me pleasure to
acknowledge your courtesy, in forwarding
through Edmund B. Hyatt Esq. of Watertown, N.Y.
with specimens of the new silver coins for
the Canadas, in advance of their regular issue.
They are the first specimens we have seen, and
will command much attention in this quarter.

I am very respectfully
your obedient servant

James Ross Snowden.
Printer.

Hon: Alexander Campbell
Member of the Legislative Council
of the Canadas;
Kingston, Canada West

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

Dec 14 1858

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of \$100,720.84 in Gold coins, and \$12,139.62
in Silver dollars

Very Respectfully

Wm. J. C. W. Co
Treasurer

J. H. Watson Esq
Treas^r U. S. Mint

From

Jno J Leisco Pres
New York

Dec 14 1858

Washington City D.C.

Dec. 15th 1858

My dear Sir.

The enclosed letter
from Gen. Shields will explain
itself. I am not certain that
I know Mr Langherty but I have
no doubt he is all the General de-
scribe him to be and I should be much
glatified on his account could
he be provided. May I ask
you to acknowledge this in a
note to present to the General

Very truly
Wm. Bigler

Copy

Mint of the United States
Phil^a. Dec 17, 1858

My dear Sir,

I have received your favor of the 15th inst enclosing Gen^l Shields note to you asking for the employment of Mr W W Dougherty in the Mint.

I will give you and Gen^l Shields request a careful consideration; in the meantime it is due to candor to state that there are no vacancies in any of the Departments of the Mint.

I have commenced what we call "the Annual Settlement" for the purpose of ascertaining the cost for the year, and hence, for a few weeks our operations on gold and Silver will be suspended. When we fully resume again I will see whether it is practicable to give Mr Dougherty employment.

I am &c—

(Signed) L R B

Hon Wm Bigler
U S Senator
Washington City

From To

Hon Wm Bigler

U. S. Senator

Washington City

Enclosing letter
from Gen Shields
asking employment
for W. W. Dougherty
in the Mint

Dec 17. 1838

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Dec 15, 1858.

Dear Sir,

I received in due time your letter of
the 11th Sept last ~~and~~ in which you express a
desire to procure employment in this country as
a chemist & smelter, ^{and} ~~which~~ I have delayed
^{the same until now,} answering that I might see what could
be done to comply with your wishes.

Y

Mr Moritz Just
Dresden
Saxony

As to ~~his~~ procuring
employment for
him in this country

Dec 13, 1858. -

Dec 15, 8

Dear Sir,

I received in due time your communication of the 11th of September last in which you express a desire to procure employment in this country as a Chemist and Smelter, and have delayed answering the same until now, that I might ascertain what could be done to comply with your wishes. It is not in my power to procure employment for you in the public service; but I have interested myself in your behalf, and am happy to inform you that I have effected an arrangement with Mr. Moss Phillips, the proprietor of the Aramingo Chemical works in this City, by which he will give you employment and pay you whatever your services may be worth. Mr. Phillips is a highly respectable gentleman and responsible business man.

You can communicate with Mr Phillips, as to terms of employment, or you may, if you think

proper, come out at once and report to that
gentleman, relying on his promise to give you a situation
and fix your compensation at whatever your services
may be worth to him.

I am very Respectfully,
Samuel Rop Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Mr. Moritz Just,
No. 46 Sheep Street,
Dresden,
Saxony.

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

Dec 1st 1858

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
\$74,347.97 in gold coins in payment for invoice
No 260.

Very Respectfully

Wm J. C. W.

Treasurer

J. A. Walton Esq

Treasurer U. S. Mint

From

Jno J Lisco Jun

New York

Dec 17 1858

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

Dec 15th 1858

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of \$13,461.15 in Silver coins in payment
of invoice No 259

Very Respectfully

J. H. Walton Esq
Trans^r U. S. Mint

Wm. J. Esco
Treasurer

From

Jno J Cisco Texas

New York

Dec 13-1858

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

Dec 16 1858

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of \$90,000. in gold coins

Very Respectfully

Wm. J. Cress

Treasurer

W. Walton Esq
Treas^r U S Mint

From

Mr. J. C. Lusk
New York

Dec 16 / 85

Dec. 18, 1858

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia Dec, 12th 1878.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of the 8th inst.

Dec 12th 1878

To Messrs. A. Lewis & Co.
and To Messrs. Powers & Heightman

In relation to supply of acids
for the Mint

Dec. 18th 1838,

S

Head of the United States,
Philad^a Dec 10th 1838

Gentlemen,

I propose the following arrangements for the
supply of aircas to the Mint, viz to give you in connection
with Messrs. A. L. Loring & Co. two thirds (2/3) of the amount
we may require and to secure the balance between
Messrs. Baker & Lumsden and Mr. C. A. Benson, the latter
gentlemen have heretofore furnished about this
proportion, and it is deemed proper to bring in Messrs
Baker & Lumsden in view of their having made arrangements
to facilitate the operations of the Branch Mint at
San Francisco.

I wish to hear from you to day if
practicable; at present to answer.

I am very Respectfully

Yours Respectfully
James R. Thompson
Director

Messrs. Benson & Heightman
Philad^a

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

Dec^r 20 1858

Sir

I herewith inclose receipt and
invoice N^o 261 of one box gold bullion, of
the net value of \$ 32,015.40 for which
I will thank you to return double eagles

Very Respectfully,

J. H. Walton Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint.

Wm. J. Briggs
Treasurer

From

Jos J Cisco Treas
New York

Dec 20 1868

No. *261*

Received from the TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES

ASSAY OFFICE, NEW YORK,

One boxes, containing

Gold Bullion, of the net value of (*\$ 32015.40*)

Thirty two thousand &

fifty *for transportation* *40* Dollars,
100

which we agree to insure against all risks, and delivery to the TREASURER OF
THE UNITED STATES MINT AT PHILADELPHIA.

New York, *Dec 20* 185*8*

For the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

John Hoey

ORIGINAL.

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

Dec^r 22 1858

Sir

I enclose receipt and invoice etc
262 of nine boxes Silver button, of the net
value of \$ 21,182.15 contains gold \$2,733.56
net. I will thank you to remit quarter doll
for the former, and gold coins for the latter.

As this will probably be the last shipment
in this quarter, it would be desirable to have
our ac closed prior to the 1st prox.

Very Respectfully

J H Walton Esq
Treas^r U. S. Mint

J M J Cisco
Treas^r

From

Mr Gleason
New York

Dec 22 1858

DEC. 22-1858

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, July 23, 1855.

The Director of the Mint gives notice, in pursuance of an authorization from the Secretary of the Treasury, and in consequence of the present accumulation of silver coin at the Mint, that from and after the first day of August next, and until further notice, the purchases of Silver for coinage will be paid for in Silver coins only, and not in Gold.

The Silver offered for purchase will be weighed, melted and assayed, as usual, and the standard weight determined therefrom, in ounces troy, to the hundredth part of the ounce; and will be paid for (as at present) at the rate of one dollar twenty-two and a-half cents per standard ounce. The receipt given at the first weighing must be presented by the seller or his order, and usually payment may be expected on the day following the date of receipt, or the second day following.

For the information of bullion dealers, country banks, &c., it may be stated, that according to the above rate of purchase, the yield of various classes of coin or bullion will be about as follows:

Five-franc pieces,		99 cents each.
Mexican and South American dollars,		106 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
Old Spanish dollars,		105 "
Revolutionary or "hammered" dollars, (often mistaken for the true Spanish dollar,) }		101 "
Half-dollars of the U. S. coined before 1837,		52 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
The same since 1837 to the last change of standard in 1853,		52 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Spanish quarters,		23 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
" eighths,		10 9-10 "
" sixteenths,		5 $\frac{1}{8}$ "
Mexican quarters,		25 4-10 "

Quarter dollars are proportionally less productive of premium, while dimes and half-dimes, coined before 1837, have lost rather more by wear, on an average, than the premium would make up; those coined since 1837 to 1853, will average a premium of 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on their nominal value.

German, Swedish, Danish and Norwegian crowns,		111 cents each.
Old French crowns		114 "
German florins,		41 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Prussian and Hanoverian thalers		72 "
Fine silver 136 cents per ounce.		
American plate, best manufacture, 120 to 122 cents per ounce.		
Genuine British plate, 125 cents per ounce.		

At San Francisco the purchases may be paid for in *Gold* or *Silver*, at the option of the Superintendent thereat, until a sufficient supply of silver bullion is received to meet the public demand for silver coin at that Institution.

JAMES ROSS SNOWDEN,
Director of the Mint.

To. John S. Selby Esq
Actuary Ma Inst.

Balt.
Md

ack receipt of
order for mutual &
draft for \$21. -

Dec 22, 1838. -

Dec 22. 8.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of the 21st inst with the enclosed
draft for ~~for~~

The medals requested will be
made and sent to you in the course of a few
days.

Very Respectfully,
Yours Obedt.

A. R. Linderman
for the Director of the Mint.

John S. Selby Esq,
Actuary Md. Inst.
Baltimore,
Md.

DEC. 22, 1858

J. D.
22 Dec 1858

Sir:

Accompanying this you will receive
a Box, transmitted to this Department, purporting
to contain a sample of Gold-bearing Quartz.

I will thank you to have it analysed,
and report the result to me.

To
James Ross Snowden &
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Very respectfully,
Norvell Cobb

Secretary of the Treasury.

LETTER

FROM THE

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

Dated Dec 22, 1858

Received Dec 23 "

SUBJECT:

Transmitting Sample
of gold bearing quartz
for assay report

Dec. 24. 8.

Sir,

I have caused the specimen of ore,
on earthy matrix, which accompanied your
letter of the 22nd inst to be assayed. The
specimen (from Cherokee County N. C.)
was a silicious and ferruginous powder,
probably from decomposed quartz rock;
and at first view did not bear the
usual characteristics of auriferous gangues.
But, as requested by the Department,
I have caused a very careful examina-
tion and analysis to be made, and the
specimen was found to contain a mere
trace of gold. To state it more strictly
and in terms used in mining regions,
the gold was at the rate of about
six cents to the bushel.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect
Your faithful servant,
Saml. R. Chandler,
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Howell Cobb.

Secy of the Treasury
Washington City.

Wthru Ohio Dec 23 1858

Officers of the U S Mint

Gentlemen

I forwarded Dec 4th
by the United States Express company from
Bellevue ^{Ohio} a small package of gold dust
to the United States Mint Philadelphia
for sale. please inform me if the
package was received. The package was
marked U S Mint Philadelphia
yours Respectfully
J Chandler

H. R. Linderman Esq

You sent us a letter here about the
8th of December ~~about~~ concerning this gold it never has
arrived & not likely to come here for any likely it is
about 75 cents worth of it

1500
 1800
 1800
 1800
 1500
 1500
 1500
 1500
 11400
 342
 850
 11892

269 Pearl Street
 New York, Dec. 23/58

The Treasurer of the U. S. Mint, Sir

Enclosed please find receipted invoice of Cast Steel, which you will please give your immediate attention and oblige

Respectfully
 J. C. Kendall

537.72

1800
 1800
 1800
 1500
 1500
 1500
 1500
 11400
 342
 850
 11892

11400
 285
 313
 2.90
 28170
 626
 90770
 285
 11192

313) 90770 (29
 939
 626
 2740
 2817

150
 3
 75
 3.75
 125
 2.5
 62
 3.12

From
S & C Wendlow
New York
Dec 23 1858

and
with

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

Decem 24th 1858

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of \$32015.40 in gold coins, in payment
for invoice No 261.

Very Respectfully

J H Watton Esq

Treasurer U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

Wm J Cisco

Treasurer

From

J J Cisco Luis
New York

Dec 24 1858

Treasury of the United States

Sir

For enclosed Treasury Draft No 5556. please
send by Adams Express Compy \$80.000 in half
and \$20.000 in quarter dollars

Very respectfully
Yours Obedt Servt
Sam Casey Treasurer U. S.

J. H. Watton Esqr
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

From

Sam Casey
Treas - U S

250 x 175

250 x $\frac{43560}{1856}$ (17) ²¹/₂
1750
1060
1990

Dec 24 - 1858

DEC. 24 - 1858

Treasury of the United States
22 December 1858

Sir

For enclosed Transfer Draft N^o 5555. please send by
Adams Express Comp^y - \$19.900 in half dollars;
\$15.000 in quarters; \$8.000 in dimes; \$7.000 in half dimes
and \$100 in Cents.

Very respectfully
Your O^bt. Serv^t
Sam^l Casey
Treasurer U. S.

James H. Walton Esq^r
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

From

Sam Casey

Tras N S

Dec 26 / 1858

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Wade City L/Stu	CC	7/7/58			
1890-1905		WFS			
Oct. 1942		WFS			
Log - Reach Haven Bands	Mr. Davis, CC	6/14/60			
Appl file: Mr B. McLean		WFS			
131: Marshallby	Mr. Krone, GSA	7/21/60			
File "661-New York City"	Mr. Greene, CC	7-21-61			
Washington #85	Wadbridge Co	6/23/61			
Harriet, 1918	Mr. Prince, CC	9-17-61			
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ARAMINGO CHEMICAL WORKS.

Philadelphia.

Dec 28 1858

United States Branch Mint, San Francisco.

D. MORO PHILLIPS, Dr.

Terms.

Manufacturer of

Oil of Vitrol, Aqua Fortis, Nitric and Muriatic Acids, Copperas, Blue Vitrol, Nitrate of Lead.

100 # 1st Dip

at 25^c
Bbl

25-00
25

Correct.
J. F. Costello.

for Divi. Clk.

\$ 25 25

Recd pay. of above bill
29th Dec. 1858. of Dir. Mint.
Moro Phillips

Mr Phillips

\$25.25

Dec 29, 1858

DEC. 31, 1858

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia,

185

$$\begin{array}{r} 12134/9 \\ 134 \end{array}$$

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant.

Director of the Mint.

To
The Sec Treasury

Count & Examination
at the Mint

Dec 31, 1858. -

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Dec. 31st. 1858.

501.

The usual monthly count of the moneys on hand in the Treasury of the Mint at the close of business this day, exhibited the following balance, viz.

In gold Coins \$ 175,433.50

In silver Coins 337,448.32

In paper Coins 15.84

Ordinary Funds 16,134.87

Repair Funds 24.59

S. T. Brok. Mint Fund 18.66 - \$ 529,075.78

In the office of the Asst. Treas. U.S., the following balance was found,

General Treasury Funds \$ 37,690.27

Post Office Moneys 65,569.88

U.S. Bonds 57,097.99

Expenses 11,190.00

Disbursements 152,064.51 - \$ 317,615.15

Agreed with the balances as shown by the books of these Offices.

An Examination into the condition of the Mint generally, gave satisfactory evidence that the business of the institution is conducted with care and fidelity.

Enclosed you will please find a Statement of the Coinage Operations during the present month and a Report from the Treasurers of the Mint showing the denominations of the coins on hand. I have the honor to be,

With great respect, Your faithful Servt.

Samuel R. Anderson
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury.

The U. S. Mint

Philadelphia Decr 29/58

For 262 bags for Silver - \$1000 - @ \$10.50 p. h. - \$27.51

Receipts

Margt. B. Leidy

Received
Geo. H. Leidy
for

Subscribed

2620

1131

7751

Philadelphia, 28th Dec^r, 1858.

Hon. Jas. Ross Snowden,
Director of the U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Dear Sir:

As the late Minister Resident of the United States in Ecuador, I have to adjust my accounts with the Treasury Department at Washington, for salary and "contingent of legation" while in charge of that Mission: And as the ratio of allowance to Foreign Agents, made in conformity with the regulations of the Department, for loss on account of difference of Exchange &c., is affected in no small degree by the adulteration of the coin which constitutes the currency of Ecuador, and for which Foreign Bills have necessarily to be negotiated, — I take the liberty to hand you, as a sample of that currency, a "Colombian" coin of the denomination of a "Dollar," with a request that you will do me, as well as my successor at Quito, the favor to test its standard fineness and value by an assay in the Mint.

The propriety of such an assay is rendered the more apparent from the fact, that this class of money and its kindred coinage do not enter into the calculations of the relative value of foreign currencies,

currencies, contained in the tables lately furnished to our Diplomatic Agents abroad by the Accounting Officers of the Treasury Department.

I am, respectfully and truly,
Your very Obedient servant,

Phil White,

Philad^a., 29th Dec^r, 1858.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your interesting communication of today, in response to mine of yesterday, in which I requested an assay of a "Colombian" coin, of date 1821. Your statements and remarks are entirely satisfactory, and, I think, will be of material benefit to Mr. Buckalew and myself in the adjustment of our Accounts at the Treasury Department. I will forward a copy of your letter to Mr. B., and, as I intimated at our interview, I may have occasion to exhibit it to the Accounting Officers at Washington.

Tendering you my cordial acknowledgments for your valuable communication,
I am, dear Sir, respectfully and truly yours,

Phil White.

Hon^{ble}. Jas^s Ross Snowden,
Director U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Yours
Hon Phil White
Phil^a

Thanking me for
assay V— of a Columbian
coin

Dec 29. 1858. —

From the Hon. Philo White.

Late Minister U.S. at London.

Dec. 29/
18.

Admⁿ of Colombian Dollars

Dec 29. 6

Dear Sir,

In compliance with your request I have caused the Coin you placed in my hands, to be assayed.

The dollar of Colombia, 1821 weighs .705 oz or 338.4 grains, fineness 690 thousandths the value (at the mint price 121 cents per cent standard fineness) 65.4 cents.

This is the lowest both in weight and fineness that we have ever examined. The average of that type is 363 grains, 730 fine, value at 121 cent. 74.25 cents.

As you are not so fully aware of the difference of value between that dollar and the later one of 1839 of different devices but apparently intended for the same standards it may be proper for me to add that the latter dollar averages 67.8 Cents in value. There

was more than a dollar short in 1895
of full Spanish standards, and indeed
a little over; the value being at 1895
106.3 cents.

I am very respectfully and truly
your ob^d servant
James R. P. Underwood
Director of the mint

Hon. Philo White }
Late U. S. Minister }
to Ecuador. }

I will return the dollar to
you by the small piece cut
off to make the copy,
J. R. P.

United States Minty To The Adams Express Co Dr

1858 In Transporting Silver Bullion

Dec 1	7 Kgs & 2 Bxys	To Assay Office N. York	31.127.80 @ 15 ⁰⁰	54 94
	9 50 Bxys	from " " "	12.860.41 " "	19 24
	11 6 "	" " " "	13.661.15 " "	20 49
	13 2 Kgs & 2 Bxys	To " " "	12.139.12 " "	18 21
	14 14 Bxys	" " " "	13.661.15 " "	20 49
	10 Kgs	" A. Carey Washington -	49.900.00 @ 22 ⁰⁰	112 27
	" 9 Bxys	from Assay Office N. Y.	23.915.71 " 15 ⁰⁰	35 87
	27 4 Kgs & 1 Bx	To " " "	21.182.15 " "	31 77
	" 20 Kgs	" Sam Carey Washington	100.000.00 @ 22 ⁰⁰	225 00
				<u>\$ 538 33</u>

Rec'd Payment

Adams Express Co

Jr R. W. Fullagar, Subst

Correct:

d. J.

4538.33

Return of Absence of Workmen in Carriers Department
for month of December 1858

	Sickness	attend funeral	no excuse	witness 1/16/1858	private business	
Yeager -	1					
Lambert	3					
Fully	7	5/10				
Bunker	1					
Collins -	1					
Delaney	1					
Forman	1					
Leatherman	16.					
McGittigan	1.					
McLaughlin	1.					
Nunneley	2.					
Thomas -	2.					
Bowen	1.					
Kern -		5/10				
Prenot -		4/10				
Hackett			5	informs me	had Lincoln	that he was sick
Clinton		5/10				
Huston				2		
Abel					1	
	38	1 7/10	5	2	1	47 7/10 days -

Overtime of Workmen in Carriers Department
for the month of Decr 1858

Yeager	40	Smith	20 9/16	Carrigan	12. 4 1/2
Boyd -	2 " 9/16	Jackson	3. 5 "	Dowling	1 " 1 "
Britton	2 " 9 "	Hance	2 " 9 "	Hutchinson	2 " 3 "
Kensie	2 " 3 "	Kelly	2 " 9 "	O'Donald	4 " 3 "
Lambert	2 " 9 "	McDonnell	2 " 3 "	Phileps	1 " 7 "
Long -	2 " 6 "	Leatherman	1 " 7 "	McSwinn's	4 " 3 "
McDermott	2 " 9 "	McGully	2 " 9 "	van Osten	5 "
Mitchell Mo	2 " 9 "	McGittigan	8 "	Clinton	5 "
Mouille -	3 " 5 "	McLaughlin	2 " 6 "	Huston	3 "
Mullen -	2 " 9 "	Mullolland	2 " 3 "	Jeffries	3 "
Rowan -	3 " 3 "	Noe -	2 " 9 "	Louden	5 "
Skay -	3 " 5 "	Nunneley	2 " 6 "	Huston	3 "
Smith -	2 " 9 "	Snyder	2 " 9 "	Calhoun	2. 7 "
Vandorn	2 " 9 "	Thomas -	3 " 0 "	Thompson	2 " 9 "
Wigmore	3 " 2 "	Stieckle. -	2 " 7 "	Hobbs	2 " 9 "
Palmer	2 " 9 "	Bowen	2 " 7 "	Hall	2 " 9 "
Pickel	2 " 9 "	Kern -	2 " 7 "	Lincoln	2 " 9 "
Strembeck	2 " 9 "	Canby	2 " 9 "		
Lawrence	2 " 9 "	McBarran	2 " 4 "		
Batchelder	2 " 9 "	Tawo -	2 " 9 "		
Bunker	2 " 9 "	Shaffer -	1 " 5 "		
Collins	2 " 9 "	Hackett	6 "		
Delaney	2 " 6 "	McBarney -	6 "		
Dyke	3 " 5 "	Guy -	6 "		
Forman	2 " 3 "	Johnson	3 " 5 "		
		Lawrence	4 " 3 "		
		Quinn	0 " 6 "		
		Slaw	5 " 4 "		

"Nature of absence
of workmen in this
Conners" Sept. 6 - +
over time for Dec. /58

DEC. 31, 1858

Wastage in the Chief Coiner's Department of the Mint of the United States.

DATE of WORKING.	DESCRIPTION.	INGOTS.		WASTAGE.										TOTAL WASTAGE.		RATE IN THOUS'S.
				ROLLING and ANNEALING.		CUTTING and WASHING.		ADJUSTING, ASSORTING and MILLING.		CLEANING.		COINING.				
		ozs.	dec.	ozs.	dec.	ozs.	dec.	ozs.	dec.	ozs.	dec.	ozs.	dec.	ozs.	dec.	
Gold -																
Decr 2 nd	Double Eagle	13517	40	0	44	0	29	0	24	0	27	0	00	0	66	
" 6 th	" "	16850	65	0	28	0	14	0	08	0	36	0	00	0	86	
" 8 th	" "	10865	25	0	38	0	09	0	37	0	23	0	00	0	89	
" 9 th	" "	8878	90	0	03	0	06	0	25	0	19	0	00	0	63	
" 11 th	" "	12083	60	0	05	0	70	0	08	0	26	0	00	1	09	
" 15 th	Double Eagle - 2 nd Eagle	9604	40	0	04	0	01	0	34	0	22	0	00	0	59	
" 18 th	Double Eagle	4231	85	0	24	0	04	0	04	0	09	0	00	0	41	
" 22 nd	" "	3665	95	0	15	0	09	0	11	0	08	0	00	0	43	
															79698 00	
															546	* At 0.07
Silver -																
Decr 1 st	2 1/2 Dollars	80034	900	3	400	14	500	0	100	26	500			32	900	
" 6 th	Drives	41245	300	11	500	*	17 600	0	200	29	300			0	400	
" 8 th	Half Dollars	45763	100	7	100	15	600	0	500	14	300			22	300	
" 11 th	" "	80451	900	11	200	*	7 600	0	500	26	900			7	600	
" 16 th	" "	39658	500	1	900	*	5 000	1	400	13	500			8	000	
" 17 th	2 1/2 Dollars	9344	400	0	400	*	2 000	0	600	3	000			0	000	
															296498 100	
															71200	* At 0.24.

working Dec 22 1874
from 5 to 31 1874 short at 1/2

* The wastage in Gold and also in the Silver for December has been reduced by scrap found in cleaning up Rooms & Machinery preparatory to yearly settlement of Chief Coiner's account

Chief Coiner's Department
United States Mint -

Jan'y 7th 1859.

To
Hon^{ble} I Ross Snowden -
Director -

Dear Sir

I respectfully report that during the past month the absence of workmen in this department as will be observed by a statement already presented has been much less frequent than for some time past. A reference to the number and denomination of pieces coined during the month, (which including \$8000 of New Cents delivered upon the first day of January of the present year amounted to 5,734,336 pieces) will be sufficient to attest the attention to duty among the workmen employed in the Department.

The accompanying monthly Return of loss in each operation of the Department exhibits a decrease of loss both in Silver and Gold which is due to Scrap found in cleaning up Rooms and Machinery preparatory to the settlement of the Chief Coiner's accounts for the year just closed.

All the coin and bullion in the possession of the Chief Coiner was delivered to the Treasurer on the 31st of December last, so that his accounts might be settled up to that time and the Report of the Department for the year cannot be prepared until the wastage

for the year has been correctly ascertained.

Very Resp^d & Grac^{ly}

Geo F Childs

Chief Cashier

Report for December
1858.

Chief Coiner. —

Wastage in the Chief Coiner's Department of the Mint of the United States.

[illegible]

Return of Wastage

— in —

Chief Corner's Department.

— for —

October 21 November

1858

Wastage in the Chief Coiner's Department of the Mint of the United States.

DATE of WORKING.	DESCRIPTION.	INGOTS.		WASTAGE.								TOTAL WASTAGE.		RATE IN THOUS'S.	
				ROLLING and ANNEALING.		CUTTING and WASHING.		ADJUSTING, ASSORTING and MILLING.		CLEANING.					COINING.
		oz.	dec.	oz.	dec.	oz.	dec.	oz.	dec.	oz.	dec.	oz.	dec.		
1858 <i>Silver</i>															
October 1 st	Quarter Dollars	92415	600	19700		9600		1050		44500				42350	
" 5 th	Dimes	80339	500	7750		9800		2600		50150				49600	
" 8 th	Quarter Dollars	58034	200	9500		14200		1000		29200				32900	
" 11 th	Half Dollars	84471	400	9200		7300		3700		34200				36000	
" 15 th	Quarter Dollars	74247	100	15450		19900		0800		34700				38350	
" 16 th	Half Dollars	65503	100	12500		7200		2500		25800				23000	
" 19 th	" "	52449	400	12700		5000		2150		22200				16650	
" 21 st	Half dimes & Half Dollars	64155	000	20000		3500		0550		39700				22650	
" 22 nd	Half Dimes & Half Dollars	66535	200	15000		4600		0600		45650				25450	
" 26 th	Quarter Dollars	49975	900	10500		8400		2300		27400				23000	
" "	Half Dollars	35770	300	9500		4100		0000		14000				8600	
" 28 th	Quarter Dollars	93368	800	13100		12000		2900		42200				38200	
		817265500										356750		At 0.43.	
November 1	Quarter Dollars	79847	300	5000		24600		1400		35300				50500	
" 3	Dimes	49893	100	4900		8100		0100		37600				24700	
" 5	Half Dimes	47145	100	17700		0000		0800		34100				17200	
" 8	Half Dollars	60657	900	7200		3500		0640		24940				20900	
" 9	Quarter Dollars	85717	200	11900		12000		2600		40800				14300	
" 11	" "	80043	500	14900		6600		8100		21700				21500	
" 12	Half Dollars	42640	500	1700		11100		0700		16700				26800	
" 15	Three Cents	30336	100	14600		7800		0500		28850				22850	
" 17	Quarter Dollars	92814	100	20200		8600		0700		35800				23500	
" 19	Half Dollars	83043	000	12900		7700		2000		32500				25300	
" 22	Dimes	36156	900	6100		1800		1200		22700				17200	
" 23	Half Dollars	74973	500	10500		3700		0400		23500				17100	
" 25	Half Dollars & Half Dimes	77921	800	24300		6900		0500		46100				15700	
		841184000										297550		At 0.35.	

1000 800 27 2 1/2 Dollars = 16.75
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Return of Wastage

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Chief Clerk's Department

—for—

October⁴ & November

1858

Melter & Refiner's Office United States Mint.

Philad^a 31. Dec. 1858

Dear Sir

The Manual force in this Dept^t has been increased since 1. Jan. 1858 by 8 hands, and their distribution at the beginning & end of the year 1858 has been as follows:

1858	Jan. 1.	Dec. 31
Deposit Melting	5	5
Gold & Silver Operations		
Gold Melting	4	5
Silver Melting	9	8
Gold Refining	2	2
Sweep washing	2	2
Watchmen	2	2
Office work	1	1
	20	20
Cent operations		
Cent Melting	17	26
Cent Cleaning	3	2
Office work	1	1
	21	29
Total	46	54

This increase of manual force has been due to the expansion of the new Cent Coinage, & may be required until the expiration of the law, "exchanging cents for Old Spanish Silver."

In its relations with the Min, the M&R. Dept^t has worked very well during the past year. But few instances of insubordination have been observed & they were only worthy of passing notice. There has been much more regularity in the time of the men during the latter part of the year, and it is with much pleasure that I have to Report their continued improvement in health, since the adoption of the Regulation, abstracting 10 pr. ct. from their wages for absence through sickness. The rule has worked so well that I recommend a continued, rigid adherence to it.

The prospect of business in this Dept^t for the year 1859, is that the melting of silver & copper will be less than in 1858. The latter will of course be lessened by the expiration of the "Old Spanish coin" clause of the Act, & it will then be a question how far the Mint can offer to bear expenses in the issue of the new cent in exchange for the old copper cent. According to my calculations of the cost of manufacturing the new cent, compared with the payment by tale of the Copper cent, & the weight of metal which a given value of the latter will yield, I may be allowed to express the opinion that the copper bars should sell for 25 cts. pr. lb. in order to avoid loss to the Gov^t. This loss may & probably will be diminished by the occasional exchange of

the nickel cent for American silver. Still further since the cost of the new cent depends upon the varying price of copper in the Market, it will tend greatly to our interest to watch the fall of the Market, & make large purchases when it is low. We have not hitherto been driven to consider closely the cost of the nickel cent in comparison with its nominal value, because the profit on exchanging it for Spanish silver was so manifest, but may I not suggest that we ought to look into this matter more closely, when that Exchange ceases, & endeavor to economise the manufacture in every possible way. The first & most manifest way ~~will~~ be buying materials at the lowest rates compatible with quality, & next a reduction of the manual force.

I take the liberty of suggesting these topics long before hand in order that time may be allowed for due reflection.

Very Respectfully
y^r obt^d Serv^t
Jas C Booth
M^r & R.

Hon. J. Ross Snowden
Director
U. S. Mint

Report
For December 1858.

Melita and Piquin.

Chief Comer's Wastage

Year	Gold Rec'd.		Waste	Silver Rec'd.		Waste	Bak's in House	
	Gold	Silver		Gold	Silver		Gold	Silver
1850	072.850	535.320	oz 1.183. $\frac{1}{2}$ 28	03635.90 $\frac{1}{4}$ 40	oz 652.28		0.4153	1.025 $\frac{1}{4}$
1851	" 5.0 $\frac{1}{2}$ 3. $\frac{1}{4}$ 54	260	" 1.195.518	" 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ 3.215.56	" 241.06		0.2356	0.4205
1852	" 4.899. $\frac{1}{4}$ 01.160	"	389.506	" 1.204.150.86	294.51		0.0 $\frac{1}{4}$ 95	0.2445
1853	" 3.540.551.840	"	589.134	" 10.913.400.62	" 6.60 $\frac{1}{4}$ 23		0.1664	0.6054
1854	" 1.840.424.850	"	248.993	" 6.9 $\frac{1}{4}$ 3.359.90	" 5.082.03		0.1353	0. $\frac{1}{2}$ 288
1855	" 1.248.131.300	"	360.431	" 2.328.650.80	" 1.888.30		0.2888	0.8109
1856	" 1.086.299.135	"	2 $\frac{1}{4}$ 2.058	" 4.426. $\frac{1}{4}$ 66.40	" 3.439.28		0.2504	0. $\frac{1}{4}$ 469
1857	" 1.062.341.000	"	145.656	" 6.399. $\frac{1}{4}$ 98.00	" 2.9 $\frac{1}{4}$ 3.21		0.13 $\frac{1}{4}$ 10	0.4645
1858	" 432.295.500	"	4.560	6.855.323.10	" 1.613.41		0.0105	0.2353

1850 inclusive

to 1857 " " 21.601. $\frac{1}{4}$ 38.865 " 4.385.024 " 33.455.249.54 " 21.1 $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ 90 0.2030 06330

Chief Comers Passage
1850 to 58.

1850 - 1858

Nov. 6. 8.

Dear Sir,

The Secretary of the Treasury
has approved of my recommendation of the
Indian Head for the obverse of the Cent, and
the Laurel wreath, for the reverse. This change
will take effect on the 1st of January next.
I have therefore to request you to have a
suitable number of working dies prepared.
The modification of the reverse so as to make
the wreath in the centre of the piece is
desirable.

Yours truly
James R. Mendenhall
Director of the Mint,

J. B. Longacre
Engraver
U.S. Mint.

To Engraver

U.S. Mint.

Nov. 6/68.

Change in device of two cent
piece authorized by Secy - to take
place after Dec. 31, 1868.

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1858 / DECEMBER

U.S. MINT

General

correspondence

1859/January

J Ross Snowden, Esq;
Director of the United
Philadelphia -

Chief Comers Office,
U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia January 31. 1859

Dear Sir:

I beg leave to make the following report for the past month. The duties of the operations, in the various departments under my care, have been performed with their usual punctuality & despatch; with the exception of the Coining Room, where a great deal of carelessness has been exhibited by the foreman & his assistant; the facts of which case have been already made known to you. Your directions in the matter have been fully carried out, and there is no doubt they will have the desired effect. I think it would be best to have the Coining Room locked up every night, and the Key placed in the hands of the Captain of the Watch. He should have the entire charge and responsibility of the same. The present arrangement is a very poor one, and I have no confidence in it, for I know not who to apply to for the Key. It appears that certain Members of the Watch assemble in the room & make their beds on the assenting & Counting table & sleep there during the night. There is also an accumulation of dust & feathers in the morning & occasionally a stray bug is found roaming about the machinery, to the annoyance of all. The power shears are now being put up, and will be ready in a few days. Reporting the case

of George Mullholland I find that his family
is almost destitute. His wife & five small children
implore your forgiveness for him, and I am fully
satisfied the lesson you have given him will be
a lasting one, and prove a blessing to himself and
his family. I would therefore respectfully
recommend to your consideration the revision
of your former decision, and his restoration for
one month, on probation. If he ever errs
again, he is willing to be stricken from the
roll at once. Mr Dominick Mullin complains
that the work at the annealing furnace is too
hard for him, and says that he is not able to
stand it. He will no doubt make application
to you for a change in his position to an easier
one. He does not appear to like hard work. In
case he applies, I should recommend that he be
restored to his former ~~position~~ place in the cellar,
as it appears there is not so much hard work
there. He can get along very well without
him at present in the Rolling Room. I would
remind you of the new chilled Rolls for housings
No 3, a diagram of which was furnished you a
few weeks ago. We are much in need of one,
as the cast metal is so very hard on the rolls
& cuts them full of grooves. I respectfully
suggest for your consideration an entire and
completely new set of chilled Rolls for the four

all of which is respectfully submitted
By *Yours truly* *Wm. Lloyd Garrison*

Report
Chief Comer
January 1889

To Sec Treasury

Monthly Count
of monies

Jan 31. 1859.

Jan 31. 9.

Sir,

The usual monthly count of the monies on hand in the Treasury of the Mint at the close of business this day, exhibited the following balance, viz:

In Gold Coins	\$ 86,577.50	
In Silver Coins	327,455.31	
Cent Coins	10.80	
Ordinary Fund	3,700.43	
Repair Fund	24.59	
San Francisco B. Mint Fund	<u>18.66</u>	\$ 417,787.29

In the Office of the Asst Treasurer U. S. the following balance was found:

General Treasury Fund	\$ 230,873.48	
Post Office Monies	37,723.88	
U. S. Loans	29,871.49	
Coupons	9,860.00	
Disbursers Fund	<u>117,259.95</u>	\$ 425,588.75

Agreeing with the balances as shown by the books of these

offices.

An examination into the condition of the Mint generally, gave satisfactory evidence that the business of the institution is conducted with care and fidelity.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

Samuel A. P. Anderson

Director of the Mint

Hon Howell Cobb,

Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington City

Form 23 A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

Post office

Dorchester Ind

July 31/59

Agent W. S. Went

Philadelphia

P. A.

Dear Sir, I wish to
get a bag of cups of
the new stamp, I wish you
to let me know how
to get them, if I shall
send the money to you
or pay for them at the
Express office I want a
bag 1000 or a bag on
the plus let me
know yours Resp
C. H. Robbins P. M.

Jm L
P. Martin
Rochester
Ind

New York
Feb 5, 1859

Feb. 5, 59

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 31st ult. I have to state that, the new cent coin is paid out at the Mint in exchange only for Spanish & Mexican coin & copper cents of the old issue, as per circular enclosed herewith.

Very Respectfully,

J. R. Snowden.

Director of the Mint.

C. H. Robbins Esq
P. M. Rochester,
Ind.

Richmond January 29th 1859

Pa

Sac. H. Walson Esqr
Treasor

Sir

Your favour of 28th inst has been
duly received, I understood according to your
first letter that the standard rate was \$1.22 1/2
per ounce, but as it is only \$1.21. I think it
proper to leave it in your hand, you will
please send me the full value in United States
Draft or in Gold by Adams & Co Express, as soon
as you have examined the box

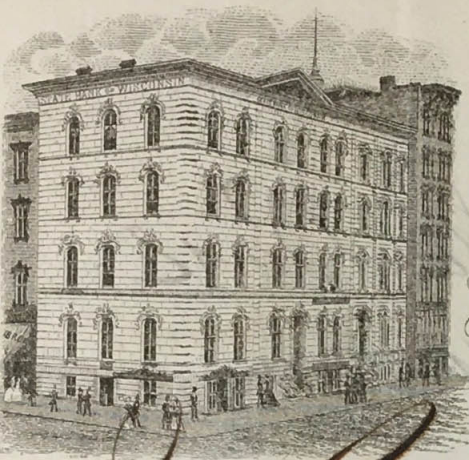
I remain

Very Respectfully
Yours
Albert Spoff.

Albert Spott

Richmond, Va.

Jan. 29/59



State Bank of Wisconsin.

John G. Inlusch, Pres.
M. S. Scott, Cash.

Milwaukee 29 Jan'y 1859

Mr R. S. Loomis Esq

Director Wis. Bank

I have received your favor of _____ and Enclose ~~for collection~~

My check on Phoenix Bank \$120000
for returns in Coin as below.

Respectfully M. S. Scott
Cashier

Halves	\$300.
Quarters	500.
Dimes	100
Half Do	100.
Pennies	201. —

2/35 over
17 1/2

To
Cash & State Bank
His Union

Draft for \$1200

Eleven hundred & no return

Feb 5, 1839

830.

250.

100.

100.

500.

Debit
Interest
Dinner
Hotel
Beverage

Feb. 5, 59

Sir,

I send you to-day per Adams
Express coin as follows:

Half Dollars	\$300
Dr. "	500
Dimes	100
H. Dimes	100
Cents	200

Amount \$1200

Being proceeds of check for that
amount enclosed in your letter
of 29th ult.

Very Respectfully,

S. B. Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Wm. I. Scott Esq,
Cash. State Bank of Mo.
Memphis, Mo.

Form 23A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

Fort Wayne Ind 28. 1859

U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa

Enclosed please
find 28 Packages \$10- each of Spanish
and mexican Coin weighing at Standard wgt
235 oz Nett at \$122 1/2^{cts} per oz being \$287.87
for which please send us at your
earliest convenience the american
half or quarter dollars and oblige
yours very truly

P. Longland & Co.
P. C. Trust

232
400
928
437 120

P. Hoagland & Co.
Fort Wayne, Ind.
Jan. 28/59

W. S. Hoagland
Philadelphia

Office of the Damascus Steel and Iron Company,

71 JOHN STREET,

WORKS—At Staten Island, and 47th St., cor. 2d Av.

New-York,

Jan 28th 1858

To the Superintendent
U.S. Mining
Phila^a

Sir

We are making
a Superior Quality of Steel for
dry & such purposes as you use
Steel and should be glad to have you
give it a trial. If you will give
us the size we will send you the
Steel & if it does not suit we shall
make no charge

We are now sup-
plying all the Navy Yards, and most
of the arsenals

Please let us hear from
you

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

S Churchill Foras

Wm T. S.
Damascus Steel Works
N. Y.

Desiring to
Send Samples
of Steel for
trial

Jan 29. 1879

Jan 31. 9

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 28th inst

In reference to your proposal to furnish specimens of steel (manufactured by your Company) for trial, I have to state that if you send us some round bars of $1\frac{1}{2}$ & $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch diameter and about four feet long I will have a trial made of the same - a bar or two of each of the sizes named will be sufficient for that purpose. I may add that none but the finest quality of steel will answer for our purpose

Very Respectfully,
Samuel R. Knicker
Director of the Mint.

S. Churchill Esq.

Treasurer Damascus Steel Club

Nº 71 John Street,
N.Y.

Engravers Dept.

Mint of the U. S. Philad. Jan 31.
1859

Dear Sir

In reference to the proposal of the Damascus Steel & Iron Co. to furnish specimens of their steel for trial: I wish to say, that the size which would suit best for that purpose in this Dep^t is that of round bars of $1\frac{1}{2}$ & $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch diameter length about 4 feet: none but the finest quality of steel will answer for our purpose: if a bar or two of each of the above sizes can be sent on, we will give it a fair trial.

Yours &c

James B. Longacre
Eng^r.

~~Dr. L. L. L.~~
L. B. Lunden
Director &c

Department of the Interior,
January 27th 1859.

Sir,

I will be obliged if you will ascertain where the
int. due the 1st prox. on the Penn. 5 per cent stocks,
held by this Department on Indian ac. will be
paid, and inform me as early as convenient.

Very respectfully,

Your obed. Servant,

J. Thompson
Secretary.

J. Ross Snowden, Esq.
Director U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

From ^{1/4}
Hon J. Thompson
Sec Interior
Washington

Place of payment lost
due 1st party on Penn 5 per
~~land~~ 2 Oct 2.

Jan 28. 1839

Jan 25. 9

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of your favor of yesterday.

The interest on Pennsylvania bonds is
(since the failure of the Pennsylvania Bank,) payable
by law at the Farmers & Merchants Bank in this City.

If you send me the name order for
the collection of the interest in question it will
afford me pleasure to attend to the matter for
you.

Very Respectfully,
Yours obt. Servt.

Sam^l R. Anderson.
Director of the Mint.

Hon^{ble} J. Thompson,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

New York Jan: 27th 1859

James Rop Snowden Esq.

Director of the U.S. Mint Phila

Sir

We have now the pleasure to
enclose Invoice of one Case Nickel amounting to \$840⁵⁰/₁₀₀
also B/L for same, per "Camden & Amboy R.R."

This is the last Case we can forward you
at present, but we hope to be able in
the course of a week or ten days to
complete your order for 12 Cases -

We shall be glad to learn that you
will soon want a further supply,
which it will afford us much pleasure
to furnish promptly. Meanwhile we
remain

Yours respectfully
J. Van Wart & Co

From J. Livingston Hunt & Co.
New York

Transmitting
Per Lading
care Nickel

Jan 28. 1859.

New-York, Jan 4 27th 1859

Mint of the United States

Bought of **IRVING VAN WART & CO.**

AGENTS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS FOR METALS, HARDWARE, CUTLERY, &c.

IRVING VAN WART,
JOSEPH McCOY.

No. 12 PLATT-STREET.

Turned Cash

1 Case Metallic Nickel 600 lb @ \$1.40 \$840.

Cartage

50 \$840 50

DEALER
IN
BULLION and SPECIE.

Banking House of J. S. CRONISE,

No. 34 Wall Street.

New York, Aug 26 1859.

James Rob Snowden Esq
W S Minch Phila Pa

Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith a letter
in relation to the renewal of the "Cent" act. Could have
had this signed by any number of firms but have contented
myself with a few - some of which are 1st class
viz Geo S Robbins & Sons

J H Stuart & Co

Van Vleck Head & Drexel - at the

same time any names are of little worth unless backed
by your own recommendation. May I not hope that
you will use every effort you may find it of pleasure
to exert?

I am free to confess that it is a matter
of no small consequence to myself, and that for a renewal
of the Law, I shall feel under very decided personal
obligation to you.

Very Respectfully
Yours obt Servt
J Cronise

Thos W J. L. Brown Esq
N.Y.

Extension of 6th Sect
acty Feb 21. 1837

Jan 28. 1839

Jan. 28. 9.

Dear Sir

I have received your letter of the 26th
containing a communication from several
highly respectable houses in New York
recommending the extension of that part
of the Act Law which permits Spanish and
Mexican ~~papers~~ ~~of a value of 50 cents~~
for cents at their nominal value.

On the 14th inst I addressed the Treasury
Dept. on this subject and recommended the
extension of the Law. My communication
was approved by the Sec. of the Treasury to the
Comm. of Ways & Means in the House: and the
subject has been in the charge of Newberry
W. Phillips of this City.

I shall do all I can to effect the renewal
of the Law in accordance with your views

J. C. Cronin Esq
No. 34. Wall St.
New York.

I am very respectfully
Yours obt. servant,
James R. Anderson,
Director of the Mint

Form 23A

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

2-16156

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

January 26, 1859

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
\$26,549.51 in Gold Coins, in payment of in-
voice No 3.

Very Respectfully

Wm. J. C. W. C.
Treasurer

J. H. Walton Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

18½

26

286.6
17.16
457.6

2035
36
8140
73260
739
771.60

Treas. Assay Office
New York
Jan. 26/59

I have to acknowledge
of \$1,000.00 in P.M. coin in full
of No. 3.

Wm. M. C. Smith
Treasurer of the
Philadelphia

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Richmond Jan^y 26th 1859
Va

James Ross Snowden Esqr
Director of the mint

Dear Sir

I have sent you by Adams & Co
Express nine hundred & eighty ounce (980) of
Spanish & Mexican coin at the rate of 122 1/2 cents
pr ounce which will be \$1200.⁵⁰/₁₀₀, also \$52.00
Mexican quarters at the rate of 25 cents, making
the whole amount \$1252.⁵⁰/₁₀₀ for which you
will please send me, as soon as you find
it correct a United States Draft.

Hoping it will come safe to your hands
I remain

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
Albert Spott.

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Albert Spott

Richmond, Va.

Jan. 26/59

Treasury Department
January 22-1839

Sir,

I have to inform you that the President has this day designated Prof. Joseph Henry, Hon. Thos. G. Pratt, Gov. D. L. Swaine, Presdt. University N.C. Presdt. Maj. H. L. Kendrick, U.S.A. Prof. of Chemistry at West Point Military Academy, Robert Curing, Esq, and Frederick Fraley Esq, as Commissioners to meet at the Mint in Philadelphia on the second Monday in February to discharge the duties required by the Mint law of the 18th of January 1837.—

I am, very respectfully
Yours &c
Wm Will Coles
Secretary of the Treasury

A. Ross Snowden, Esq
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia

Im Sec Treasury

Designating the following named
gentlemen as Assay
Commissioners of

Prof Jeph A. Hunt
Hon Thos G. Pratt
Gov & I. S. Maine Post
W. A. C.
Privat May H. Kendrick
W. S. A. B. C. H. P.
Robert Cunningham
Hendrick H. H. C.

Jan 24. 1839

unofficial.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Jan. 24, 1859.

Dear Sir,

I have received your note of the 22nd inst. and learn from it that you are acquiring a personal knowledge of the "happier ^{possession} for Specimen Coin" which ^{possesses} to many people in our country. On Saturday I had ~~ten~~ ^{nine} applications of a similar character - to-day (near 12 o'clock) I have had three. It was in view of this increasing, as well as troublesome, taste, that I made the request mentioned in my official letter of last Saturday (22nd inst.) which I hope will secure the sanction of the Department.

In reference to the Specimens you ask for I have to state that the trial piece, on Copper of the double eagle for 1859 which I left at the Department is the only one I had; There have been none of that Specimen permanently kept of the

half and quarter that price. I have a
few of the Specimen cuts but not all
the varieties. I could send you two
or three of these but perhaps it will
be best to ~~wait~~ defer sending them
until the new arrangement is
made when you please, and all
the collectors of coins, and their
name is Legion, can be
supplied to their hearts content.
~~I have some difficulty as to the~~

Form 23A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank _____

Date of Report _____

2-16156

JANUARY 22ND 1859

New York Jan 4 22/59

James Rop. Sworoden Esq

Sir

Enclosed we have
the pleasure of handing you B/L P
Camden & Albany R.R. & Invoice of
2 cases Nickel amounting to \$1680⁷⁵/₁₀₀
which was forwarded to Jr address this
morning.

Yrs resp^t

Jerry Van Wast Ho
J. D. Wood

From
Miss Annant the
~~Shanty~~
H. J.

Shipment Nickel

Jan 24. 1839



Marks, &c.

CAMDEN & AMBOY RAILROAD & TRANSPORTATION CO.

FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF MERCHANDISE AND PRODUCE OF ALL KINDS,
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND PHILADELPHIA.

ALFRED DECKER, Agent, Pier No. 1 North River, NEW-YORK.
WALTER FREEMAN, Agent, No. 208 So. Delaware Avenue, PHIL'A.

New-York, May 22 1859.

Received from

Marked as in the margin, which we promise to deliver (subject to the conditions expressed below) to

or order, at our office, No. 203 So. Delaware Avenue, Philadelphia, upon the payment of freight therefor.

CONDITIONS OF SHIPMENT.

The responsibility of the Company as carriers of the above-named goods is hereby limited so as not to exceed one hundred dollars for every 100 lbs. weight thereof, and at that rate for a greater or less quantity, the shipper declining to pay for any higher risk. The Company will insure to any amount, if desired. In case of loss or damage, due proof of the amount thereof to be made by the claimant without delay.

Looking-glass Plates, Glass, Earthen or Glass-ware, Furniture, Stoves, Castings, Marble. Agricultural Implements, Machinery, Liquids in glass, Eggs and all other fragile articles will be taken only at the owner's risk of breakage. No allowance will be made for deficiency of Lemons, Oranges, or other Fruit, unless the packages are in perfect shipping order—if Casks, Barrels or Kegs, to be head-lined if Boxes or Baskets, to be securely covered with canvas; nor for loss of Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, or Straw Goods, unless the cases are properly strapped when shipped; nor for damage or loss of perishable articles by heat, cold, accidents or delays; nor for leakage of liquors or liquids of any kind.

FOR THE COMPANY,

City of Philadelphia

New-York, 22nd June 1859

Mint of the United States

Bought of **IRVING VAN WART & CO.**

AGENTS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS FOR METALS, HARDWARE, CUTLERY, &c.

IRVING VAN WART,
JOSEPH MCCOY.

No. 12 PLATT-STREET.

Terms Cash

2 Cases 1200 lb Metallic Nickel @ \$1.40 \$1680

Cartage

75 \$1680 75

Ball^o 22 Jan^y 1859
James Robt Snowden Esq^r
Phil^a

Dear Sir,

Accept
my thanks for your prompt
attention to the assays
requested by me.

I do not quite under-
stand the return. In
adding up the different
divisions of 70 $\frac{7}{8}$ thousandths
26 $\frac{2}{4}$ thousandths & 60 thousandths
I find the result to be
1030. Am I right in con-
cluding that abt 70 $\frac{7}{8}$ %
was gold and 26 $\frac{1}{4}$ %
silver and the residue
base metal? Or would
you have the kindness
to inform ^{me} of the exact

value of the two pieces,
and how much of that
value was from the
gold in them and how
much from the silver

I am very respectfully
yours
John S. Downell
Pres. Gardner Hill
Mining Co.

The error was in the silver;-
it should be $232\frac{1}{2}$ instead of $262\frac{1}{2}$.

The following rules of calculation will be useful to Mr Donnell, not only for this case but for others in future:

Taking fine gold as \$20.67 per ounce, multiply by the thousandths ($.707\frac{1}{2}$ in this case) which gives the value per ounce; this divided by 480, the value per grain.

Take fine silver as \$1.34 $\frac{4}{9}$ per ounce, multiply by the thousandths ($.232\frac{1}{2}$ in this case) which gives the value in one ounce; from which deduct 4 cents per ounce, charge for parting. Divide by 480, for the value of the silver per grain.

Very Res
John S. Darnall Esq
President of the
Balt

Respecting Samples
sent for assay &c

Jan 24. 1859

Jan 24 9

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of the 22nd inst.

The proportion of silver in the pieces
of gold received from you should have been
stated at $232\frac{1}{2}$ instead of $262\frac{1}{2}$.

The following rule of calculation
you will find useful, not only for this case
but for others in future.

Taking fine gold as 1000 for
ounce, multiply by the thousandths (791 in this
case) which gives the value for ounce; this
divided by 480, the value for grain.

Take fine silver as 925 for ounce,
multiply by the thousandths (232 $\frac{1}{2}$ in this case)
which gives the value in one ounce, from which
deduct 4 cents for ounce, charge for parting.
Divide by 480, for the value of the silver per

grain.

Lawrence B. H. H. H.,
S. R. H. H. H.,
Director of the Trust

John S. Donnan
President American
Mining Company,
Baltimore
Md.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia,

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To
The Sec Treasury

Memo A/c
374th Dec 1838

Jan 22, 1839 —

Jan 22. 9.

Sir,

I present herewith my account for medals manufactured during the third and fourth quarters of 1868 and enclose vouchers for the items charged therein. The account exhibits a balance of \$2,464.44, to the credit of the Medal fund.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James T. St. John,
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Marshall Hall,
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City.

Form 23A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

To

Samuel Howell Esq
Sec Treasury

Enclosing Com
of Bullion Statements.

Jan 22, 1859.

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia Jan 22. 1858.

Sir,

Enclosed please find a statement
of the amount, and denomination, of coins in the
Treasury of the Mint, and the condition of the
bullion fund at the close of business to-day.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

Samuel P. Anderson,
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Howell Cobb,

Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington City.

Form 23 A

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

2-16156

Bank of the State of Minnesota,

Saint Paul, Jan 20 1859

James Rob Snowden Esq

Dear Sir:

I have received your favor of the 13th inst
for which please accept my thanks. We
have raised the question in our office,
whether, for a \$20 bill, we could le-
gally pay \$5 in $\frac{1}{2}$ Dolls, \$5 in $\frac{1}{4}$ Dolls,
\$5 in Dimes & \$5 in $\frac{1}{2}$ Dimes. This would
be \$20 in silver; but would it not be
legal, — as you advise that \$5 is legal tender
in $\frac{1}{2}$ Dolls, \$5 in $\frac{1}{4}$ Dolls, \$5 in Dimes, &
\$5 in $\frac{1}{2}$ Dimes

Will you be kind enough to advise
me on this point? Also please state

to what amount ^{cents.} ~~pounds~~ are legal
tender.

I will be much
obliged for an answer to these
inquiries:— and if I can be of any
service to you here, please come
mand me, and I will be happy
to serve you.

Yours truly

N. P. Langford.

Jan 27, 1854

Legal tender

Attest

John P. Langford
St Paul
Minn

Jan. 27. 9.

The question you presented in your letter of the 20th must be answered in the negative. It would be illegal to tender more than five dollars in the silver coin issued under the act of Feb. 21. 1853 in making an offering to make a payment. If a holder of a \$20 bill demanded payment in specie, the Bank, or the maker of the bill, may ^{pay} \$5 of the amount in silver, and the balance in gold: unless indeed there is something peculiar in your laws in Minnesota to make an exception.

Cents are not made expressly a "legal tender". But they are a lawful coin, and are authorized to "pass current as money".

N. P. Langford Esq. I am very respectfully
Saint Paul
Minnesota
Your obt. servant,
James R. McDowell
Director of the Mint

Form 23A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, July 23, 1855.

The Director of the Mint gives notice, in pursuance of an authorization from the Secretary of the Treasury, and in consequence of the present accumulation of silver coin at the Mint, that from and after the first day of August next, and until further notice, the purchases of Silver for coinage will be paid for in Silver coins only, and not in Gold.

The Silver offered for purchase will be weighed, melted and assayed, as usual, and the standard weight determined therefrom, in ounces troy, to the hundredth part of the ounce; and will be paid for (as at present) at the rate of one dollar twenty-two and a-half cents per standard ounce. The receipt given at the first weighing must be presented by the seller or his order, and usually payment may be expected on the day following the date of receipt, or the second day following.

For the information of bullion dealers, country banks, &c., it may be stated, that according to the above rate of purchase, the yield of various classes of coin or bullion will be about as follows:

Five-franc pieces,		99 cents each.
Mexican and South American dollars,		106 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
Old Spanish dollars,		105 "
Revolutionary or "hammered" dollars, (often mistaken for the true Spanish dollar,) }		101 "
Half-dollars of the U. S. coined before 1837,		52 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
The same since 1837 to the last change of standard in 1853,		52 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Spanish quarters,		23 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
" eighths,		10 9-10 "
" sixteenths,		5 $\frac{1}{8}$ "
Mexican quarters,		25 4-10 "

Quarter dollars are proportionally less productive of premium, while dimes and half-dimes, coined before 1837, have lost rather more by wear, on an average, than the premium would make up; those coined since 1837 to 1853, will average a premium of 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on their nominal value.

German, Swedish, Danish and Norwegian crowns,		111 cents each.
Old French crowns		114 "
German florins,		41 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Prussian and Hanoverian thalers		72 "
Fine silver 136 cents per ounce.		
American plate, best manufacture, 120 to 122 cents per ounce.		
Genuine British plate, 125 cents per ounce.		

At San Francisco the purchases may be paid for in *Gold* or *Silver*, at the option of the Superintendent thereat, until a sufficient supply of silver bullion is received to meet the public demand for silver coin at that Institution.

JAMES ROSS SNOWDEN,
Director of the Mint.

To the Sec. Treasury

Proposing to strike
pattern pieces &
for benefit of
the cabinet of coins
&

Jan 22. 1889

Buffalo Jan 22^d 1859
Col. A. Ross Snowden
Director U. S. Mint

Dr Sir

I have taken the liberty of writing you in order to ascertain if there were any cents coined in 1815. - According to John, A. Hickcox's book recently published there were none, although some coin collectors in this City say they have seen them of 1815. I am anxious to convince them that none were coined in that year. - I have a complete set since 1793. except 1793-1799 & 1804 and duplicates of 94-5-6-7 & 8 - Mr Hickcox says a few were coined in 1823, but, no record kept. I have 8 of that date. I should be pleased to have you inform me as to 1815 & also whether 1793-1799 & 1804 can be obtained in Philadelphia & at what price. -

Respectfully Yours

C. P. Nichols

Cashier

Buffalo & Erie R. Road

The cent of 1815 has been thoroughly investigated, & there really were none struck. Pieces of 1813 are altered occasionally to suit collectors. -

From T. L. P. Nichols Esq
Buffalo
N.Y.

As to comage of
cents in 1875—

Jan 28. 1889.

Jan 29. 9

Sir

I have to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the
28th inst.

As no cents coined
in 1798 cents of 1798 are altered
occasionally, to suit collectors of
cents.

Cents of 1798, 1799 & 1804 are
the obtained occasionally from persons
who receive considerable amounts in
cents, such as collectors of tolls, &c.

Very Respectfully,
Benjamin
Director of the Mint.

B. Richardson
Bank B. & F. K.
Buy a copy of it.

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

January 21, 1859

Sir

I have this day forwarded by the
Adams Express Company one box of gold bars
of which you have receipt and invoice inclosed
of the net value of \$26,549.51.

I will thank you to remit double eagles
in payment

Very Respectfully

Wm. J. Coo

Treasurer

J. H. Walton Esq

Treasurer U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

Treas. Assay Office

New York

Jan. 21/59

No. *3*

Received from the TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES

ASSAY OFFICE, NEW YORK,

One box, containing

Gold Bullion, of the net value of (*\$ 26,549.51*)

Twenty Six thousand
Five hundred twenty nine $\frac{51}{100}$ Dollars,
for transportation

~~which we agree to insure against all risks, and delivery to the~~ TREASURER OF
THE UNITED STATES MINT AT PHILADELPHIA.

New York, *Jan 21* 185*9*

For the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

[Signature]

ORIGINAL.

No. 3.

Five Bars of Fine Gold,
transmitted to the U.S. Mint, in pursuance
of the Act of March 1855, by John J. Cisco,
Treasurer of the U.S. Assay Office, New York.

1859
January 21 st. One Box #1. containing

		Stand. Wt.
Nos. 1 @ 5.	1302.01 gr. @ 992 1/2 =	^{ounces} ^{dec} 1435.828
	Value,	\$26,713.08
	Deduct for Coinage,	133.57
	Net Value,	\$26,579.51

N 3. Gold

\$26.579.51

Received Jan. 22. 1859

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

January 20 1859

Sir

I am in receipt of \$8,820.05
in gold and silver coins in payment for in-
voice N^o. 2.

Very Respectfully

J. H. Walton Esq.

Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm. J. Cisco
Treasurer

Treas. Assay Office

New York

Jan. 20/59

Balt^o 19th Jan'y 1859.

James Ross Snowden Esq

Director U.S. Mint, Phil^a

Sir,

I am anxious
to have an accurate assay
made of the two pieces of
gold enclosed, extracted by a
chemical process from 30^{lbs}
of the Sulphur Ore of the
company of which I am
president; and I venture
to take the liberty, with many
apologies, of requesting that
you will cause such an assay
to be made, and communicate
the results to me at your
earliest convenience.

Very respectfully,
John C. Dornell, Pres.

From J. O.
John J. Donnell
President &
Buck's

Enclosing Sample
Soil for assay

Jan 20, 1839—

Jan. 21. 9.

Dear Sir,

I have, as requested in your letter of the 19th inst. caused the pieces of gold you sent me to be assayed, and I now report the result.

The first specimen weighed 35 grains; the second 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ grains. The fineness of each, was 707 $\frac{1}{2}$ thousandths; the proportion of silver in each 262 $\frac{1}{2}$ thousandths - base metal 60 thousandths.

The value for ounces of such gold, allowing for the silver, and deducting charges is \$14.90.

I am very respectfully
your obt. servant

James Roper Menden
John S. Donnell Esq. Director of the Mint,
Baltimore,
Maryland.

New York Jan: 19th 1859

James Rop Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint, Phila.
Dear Sir

Enclosed we have the
pleasure to hand Invoice of one case nickel
amounting to \$840⁰⁰/100 also B/L of the "Camden
& Amborg R.R. & Transportation Co." for same
addressed to the "U.S. Mint, Phila."

We hope during the present week to
send you several additional cases,
Remain

Yours respectfully
Jesse K. Hart

From To
Livingston
H^o. New York

Shrimpant B
Nether

Jan 20. 189

New-York, 18th June 1859

Mint of the United States

Bought of **IRVING VAN WART & CO.**

AGENTS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS FOR METALS, HARDWARE, CUTLERY, &c.

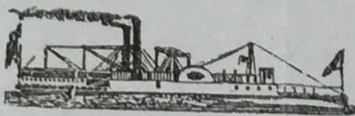
IRVING VAN WART,
JOSEPH MCCOY.

No. 12 PLATT-STREET.

Terms Cash

1 Case Metallic Nickel 600 lb ~ \$1.40 \$ 840 "

Cartage ~~~~~ 50 \$ 840 50



Marks, &c.

CAMDEN & AMBOY RAILROAD & TRANSPORTATION CO.

FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF MERCHANDISE AND PRODUCE OF ALL KINDS,
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND PHILADELPHIA.

ALFRED DECKER, Agent, Pier No. 1 North River, NEW-YORK.
WALTER FREEMAN, Ag't, No. 208 So. Delaware Avenue, PHIL'A.

New-York,

1858

Received from

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FOR THE COMPANY,

Ho. Rep. U. S.

Wash. - 19 Jan 59

Dear Sir

Your commu.

memorandum to the Com^{rs} of Treasury on
the subject of continuing the currency
authorizing the exchange of cents for Por.
copper coin was presented to the Com^{rs}
of Ways & Means & by them referred
to me for examination of the subject.

My present judgment is in fa-
vor of legislation in accordance with
your suggestion, but some objections were
entertained because the coin had nearly
disappeared, passed only at its reduced
value & the U. S. gave too much for it.

I will be glad to receive from you
any statistical information or suggestions
that will aid me to meet & overcome
any objections that may be urged in
the Committee: more especially as,

if the bill is reported to the House, I will
endeavor to put it upon its passage at once.

Very Respy^{ly}
Henry M. Phillips

Col. J. Ross Snowden.

U. S. Mint

Philad^a

Let me ask

To
Hon Henry M Phillips
A. R. Huntington

Extension of
the law authorizing
exchange of new
cents for Spanish
& Mexican $\frac{1}{4}$

Jan 20. 1859. -

Jan. 20. 9.

Dear Sir,

I have received your favor of yesterday and am glad to learn that the suggestion to extend the Law authorizing the exchange of Cent. p. Spanish & Mexican paper for a dollar, has been placed in your hands for examination and report. I will look into the subject further and if any additional reasons occur to me in favor of the proposition I will communicate them to you. In the mean time I may notice the objections which you mention as coming from some of the Members of Congress, namely, 1. that they have nearly disappeared, 2. my report estimated value & 3. the Govt. gives too much for them.

1. It is true they have in a great measure disappeared from the circulation in the North, and Central, & some of the Middle States, especially in the Chief Cities of these States,

but they are carried out the first half of
week, and indeed in the first half of
our State and of New York, and other
middle States. I am of opinion that at
least \$4, or \$500,000 of them are now in
circulation in the United States.

2. Being discredited in the principal
eastern and Atlantic cities, they have found
their way to portions of the Country where
they circulate at their nominal value,
In some places they do double duty at
secured rates, but in general, wherever
they circulate, they pass at their nominal
values of 25, 12½ & 6¼ Cents respectively

by.
3. The United States does give something
more than their intrinsic value, but it
is done to accomplish a great purpose
to wit, namely, the redemption of
the Country of a mutilated and
depreciated currency - which in comparison
with our chaotic system of money
and accounts, especially the 1862

and $6\frac{1}{4}$...
beneficial effect is accomplished ...
loss to the Government, because the
weight on the Cent Coinage is more
than sufficient to make up the
deficiency in the intrinsic value.

I expect to receive a memorial
from New York in favor of the
extension of the law. When I receive
it I will communicate it to the
Department and write to you
again on the subject.

I am, with great regard,
Yours very truly,

James R. Thompson.

Rev. Henry M. Phillips
House of Reps.
Washington City

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No. of Bank

Date of Report

2-16156

JANUARY 18TH 1859

Jan. 8. 9

Furthermore:

Referring to the note I wrote yesterday
regarding the Copper ingots we have on hand, I
have now to say that we can only dispose
of five tons, and it is expected that the
price will be $22\frac{1}{2}$ cents per pound; as we
had one offer for at that price, of which
the Treasurer and myself were not informed
when we were at the Mint.

Very Obedtly,
Your Obedt. Servant,
James A. B. Chandler
Director of the Mint.

Wm. B. Rogers, Messrs & Co.

Philad.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, July 23, 1855.

The Director of the Mint gives notice, in pursuance of an authorization from the Secretary of the Treasury, and in consequence of the present accumulation of silver coin at the Mint, that from and after the first day of August next, and until further notice, the purchases of Silver for coinage will be paid for in Silver coins only, and not in Gold.

The Silver offered for purchase will be weighed, melted and assayed, as usual, and the standard weight determined therefrom, in ounces troy, to the hundredth part of the ounce; and will be paid for (as at present) at the rate of one dollar twenty-two and a-half cents per standard ounce. The receipt given at the first weighing must be presented by the seller or his order, and usually payment may be expected on the day following the date of receipt, or the second day following.

For the information of bullion dealers, country banks, &c., it may be stated, that according to the above rate of purchase, the yield of various classes of coin or bullion will be about as follows:

Five-franc pieces,		99 cents each.
Mexican and South American dollars,		106 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
Old Spanish dollars,		105 "
Revolutionary or "hammered" dollars, (often mistaken for the true Spanish dollar,) }		101 "
Half-dollars of the U. S. coined before 1837,		52 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
The same since 1837 to the last change of standard in 1853,		52 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Spanish quarters,		23 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
" eighths,		10 9-10 "
" sixteenths,		5 $\frac{1}{8}$ "
Mexican quarters,		25 4-10 "

Quarter dollars are proportionally less productive of premium, while dimes and half-dimes, coined before 1837, have lost rather more by wear, on an average, than the premium would make up; those coined since 1837 to 1853, will average a premium of 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on their nominal value.

German, Swedish, Danish and Norwegian crowns,		111 cents each.
Old French crowns		114 "
German florins,		41 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Prussian and Hanoverian thalers		72 "
Fine silver 136 cents per ounce.		
American plate, best manufacture, 120 to 122 cents per ounce.		
Genuine British plate, 125 cents per ounce.		

At San Francisco the purchases may be paid for in *Gold* or *Silver*, at the option of the Superintendent thereat, until a sufficient supply of silver bullion is received to meet the public demand for silver coin at that Institution.

JAMES ROSS SNOWDEN,
Director of the Mint.

To,
Messrs Ramey, Scapitto
Phil^a

Respecting Copper
purchased at
the most price
therefor.

Jan 18. 1839. —

To,

Geo K. Fries Esq
Superior

Ordering discharge
of George Mucholland

Jan 17. 1839. —

Jan. 17, 9.

Dear Sir,

You will please inform George Mulholland that in consequence of his intemperate habits, and bringing visitors liquor to the Mint, his services will no longer be required at this institution. He will be paid up to, and including the 18th inst.

Very truly and respectfully

Yours,

James R. Anderson,
Director of the Mint.

George R. Childs Esq
Chief Coiner,
U.S. Mint,

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from

San Francisco 1837 { ad \$8,593.50 of 461.899 of 461.895-
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Spanki Silver Anthony Wright
Wooler Weyden Co. Ohio

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Wooster Wayne Co Ohio

January 17th 1859

To the

Superintendent of the
United States Mint
Philadelphia

Po.

Dear Sir,

I wrote you by
Express, with a lot of Old Coin for Sale and return,
as below, this date,

1957 Spanish $\frac{1}{4}$ Dollars

639 " $\frac{1}{8}$ "

234 " $\frac{1}{16}$ "

5 " Double Head Pistarros

9 " Half Dollars

1 " Dollar

1 Gvery Guldent

14 $\frac{1}{2}$ English Shillings

5 Rio Grande Pieces

5 Mexican Dollars

1 Old American Dollar

200. Old American half Dollars

8 " " Quarter Dollars

The proceeds at best rates you will
please send me in American Gold by Express at
your earliest convenience, and much obliged

Yours Very Respectfully, Anthony Wright

Tom Anthony Wright
Hooster
Ohio

Immature Corn
(old) for Salt
Exchange

Jan 22, 1889

To
Hon. W. A. Willis
Philadelphia

Inform him that
in consequence of the
absence of Mr Patterson
Treas^r. but I was
not informed of
a bid being in
for copper ingots
at 22 1/2 cts &
express the hope
that he will
relieve me
from embarrassment
by giving that price
Jan 17, 1839. -

Jan. 17. 9.

My dear Sir,

I regret that the absence of Mr. Patterson, the Treas.^r Clerk who bears the care of the Copper mts, prevented us from being informed that an offer of $22\frac{1}{2}$ cents per pound had been made by a respectable house.

I greatly regret this: and hope you will strive to prevent our embarrassment by giving that price for the Copper.

Very truly and respectfully
Yours

James R. Buchanan

Hon. W. H. Wells, Director of the Mint
San Diego, La. Bancroft, Meffie & Co.

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Alexander Jan 7 1839

Mr Slat & Wallen New
WS Mint Philadelphia

On the 3 January inst.

Mr Adams Co Express Coin \$2397.53
\$1941.35 We paid $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent premium on which you
only allow us a fraction less than 3 per cent. We were
not aware you had reduced your rates or we
could have sent it to Brown & Co who would
have allowed us $4\frac{1}{2}$ for halves & 7 for
Mexican dollars & $9\frac{1}{2}$ for marks.

If you will hand the amount to Brown
& Co for acc. Credit we will send you
a check on Philadelphia for the same
If not we must submit to the loss what say
you

Very respectfully
R. M. Herbert

Silver 2000,88 00
G. 210,85 -
2211,73
245,00 00
2456,73
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From

Burke & Herbert

Alexandria Va

Jan 7 1859

Rec'd 10 Jan 59

Banking Office of Am. J. Welles.

(Established June, 1852.)

Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan 17th 1859

M. J. Ross Snowden Esq
U.S. Marshal Phila

I enclose herewith, for collection
and my credit my # 1877 Metropolitan Bk Ny \$50
for which please send me the amt in pennies
of the last coinage in Circulation

Respy
H. J. Welles

Check deposited
by H R Linderman
Jan 22. 1859-

\$50 in new cents
forwarded Jan 25, 1859-

Correspondents:

Metropolitan Bank, New York.
Michigan Insurance Bank, Detroit, Mich.
Merchants' Savings, Loan and Trust Co. Chicago, Ill.

From To

H. J. Welles
Banker
Grand Rapids
Mich

Draft for \$50 —
new cents sent therefor

Jan 25. 1839 —

by H. H. ...
June 21, 1891

James

Dear Sir,
I have received your letter of the 17th inst. enclosing draft on M.P. for \$100.00 and have sent you the amount in new cents to-day for return of same.

Very Respectfully,
J. D. Anderson
President of the Bank

Wm. H. ...
...
...
...

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4.5. MNT 60000L 1859/5 MOUNT

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1859 / JANUARY

Col. Snowden

Phila. Jan 18/59

Sir

I hope you will pardon me the liberty I take in addressing you this note.

As Mr Jackson has not yet called, I thought the best course to pursue, would be to write to you, and inform you of the fact, As some time has elapsed since Mother called upon you, I supposed we should have heard from him before this, and I thought it best not to let it go on any longer. If consistent with your views, I will call upon you, and bring a copy of the judgement with me, and if agreeable to you, a portion of the money might be retained from month to month, and I would call for it.

I leave you to decide as to the best way to affect my object, as; I assure you we will never

receive the money except through your
influence, and assistance.

You would
confer a very great favor, by sending
a note to No. 923 S. 8th St
Bellevue Christian, stating your views
on the subject.

Very Respectfully
Mrs E. Goldtrap

To
Col. J. Ross Snowden Director
U. States Mint,

From
Mrs Goodtrap
Phie?

Relation
to claim against
Mr Jackson
an employee
in the mint

Jan 19. 1897

Jan 19. 9.

Mrs E. Goodtrap,

I am instructed by the Director of the Mint to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday, and to inform you in reply that in view of the conflicting statements made by your Mother & Mr Jackson, it would not be proper for him to interfere in the matter, further than to advise Mr Jackson to do what is right.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedt. Servt.

A. R. Linderman

Treasury Department
Comptrollers Office
January 17th 1859.

James H. Walton Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Your ac of Gold Silver
and Cent Bullion for part (from 11th July to 30th Sept 1858)
of quarter ending 30th Sept 1858 has this day been ad-
justed at the Treasury per Report No 132.846, and
the following found to be the balance in the Mint
on that day viz:-

Gold Bullion	\$127,510.01	
Silver do	905,760.31	
Cent do	118,646.70	
Gold Coins	136,888.50	136,888.00
Silver do	111,246.14	error refunded since presented 1.50
Cent do	10.19	136,888.50
Total	<u>\$1,400,061.85</u>	

Very Respectfully
Your obt^d servt

W. M. Allen
Comptroller.

From
W. Merrill
Comptroller
Jan 17 1859

Pitts Jan 15/59

James Prof Snowden Esq
Sir

your favor of
the 5th enclosing draft for our Clutter
Bale for the mint was duly received
and I was under the impression that I had
acknowledged the receipt of the same until
yours of the 14th which now lays before me
came to hand - I regret the omission and
hope you will excuse me especially when
I state that I have made it Bale and
is now ready to be finished when I will
with as little delay as possible send it

Very respectfully
John C Parry
By J. McHenry

Wm. J.
Thos L Rany Esq
Pittsburg Pa

ack receipt under
for you,

Jan 17. 1839—

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Jan. 15. 9.

Sir,

I have to thank you for a copy of
the joint Report of Messrs Andrus and
Whallon respecting the affairs of the branch
mint at San Francisco. It was received
by me to-day.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
your faithful servant,
Samuel Pope Andrus,
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Howell Cobb,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, July 23, 1855.

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JAMES ROSS SNOWDEN,
Director of the Mint.

To the Sec Treasury

Ack receipt of
copy up of mems
Anderson & Whallon.

Jan 15. 1889. —

To Sec Treasury
(2 Letters)

Official letter requesting him
to call the attention of
the President to the
appointment of Assay
Commissioners for
the next annual
Assay. —

Private Letter. — Suggesting
names of suitable
persons to be designated
as Assay Commissioners

Jan 13. 1839. —

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Jan 12. 1835

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Jan. 15, 9.

Dear Sir,

It has always been the practice, for the Director of the Mint, to suggest the names of suitable persons to perform the duties required by Law at the annual assay to test the accuracy of the Coinage of the United States, and the Correctness of the weights used in the operation of the Mint. In accordance with this Custom, I beg leave to suggest the following named gentlemen as suitable persons to perform that duty should it be the pleasure of The President to designate that as Special Commissioners pursuant to the 32. Sect. of the General Mint Law. viz:

Prof. Louis Agassiz, Cambridge, Mass.

Prof Joseph Le Conte Columbia, South Carolina.

Rev. Cyrus Dickson, D.D. Baltimore, Maryland.

Brer. Maj. H. L. Kendrick, U.S.A. Prof Chemistry at the
Military Acad, West Point.
Robert Ewing Evans, Philadelphia.
Frederick Anshutz, Philadelphia.

Wm Howell Esq

I am with the highest
respect, Sir, Yours truly,
Robert E. Evans

Jan. 15. 9.

Sir,

I have to request that you will call the attention of the President to the propriety of his designating Special Commissioners for the next Annual Assay. The Commissioners will meet at the Mint on the second Monday of February next, (14th) to make the trials required by law respecting the fineness and weight of the Coins of the United States; and test the accuracy of the weights ordinarily used in the transactions of the Mint - compared with the standard Troy pounds procured by the Minister of the United States at London in 1827, and established as the Mint standard weight by the Act of Congress, approved May 19, 1828.

I have the honor to be,

Respectfully,
Yours faithful servant,
James R. Anderson,
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Howell Cobb,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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To
See Treasury

Expenditures of
the Mint 4th
2 1838.

Jan 14, 1839.

Minist of the United States,

Philadelphia, Jan 14, 1859.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
your letter of the 11th inst. enclosing ~~re~~^{as requested}

I send you today, per Adams Express
6⁰ ten dollars in new cents in payment of 2 years
subscription for the Fankers Magazine (to June 1859)

My Annual Report is no longer
printed in pamphlet form. It is to be found

at page Financial Report of the
Secretary of the Treasury 1857-58. ^{As you may} a copy
of which I send you today per
Adams Express

Jan 14, 9.

Sir,

In compliance with the act of March 4, 1853, § 97, I present herewith a quarterly statement of the expenditures of the Mint for the quarter ending December 30, 1855.

Statement of the expenditures of the Mint during quarter ending 31st December 1855:

For Salaries of Officers & Clerks	\$ 6,975.00
" Wages of Workmen & Adjusters	29,470.88
" Incidental & Contingent Expenses	11,260.89
Total	<u>\$47,706.77</u>

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
Samuel A. B. Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Wm Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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To Sec Treasury

Recommending extension
of the provisions of the
6th Sect of the Act
of Feb 21, 1837 for
two years. —

Jan 14, 1839. —

Sir;

Jan. 14. 9.

I beg to call your attention to that portion of the 6th Act of the Act approved Feb. 21. 1857, "relating to the Coinage of Cents", which provides, that for the space of two years from the passage of the Act, it shall be lawful to pay out at the mint, the cents therein authorized to be coined, for the fractional parts of the Spanish and Mexican dollar at their nominal value of twenty five, twelve and a half, and six and a quarter cents respectively. It thus appears that this part of the Law will expire by its own limitation on the 21st of February next. The object of this Section is an excellent one, namely, to retire from circulation a depreciated currency, which interferes with our decimal System of Coinage and accounts. The amount of these coins which have been deposited at the Mint for exchange for the new cent, from the passage of

the act to the 31st of December 1858, is \$496,986.
The Community has thus been relieved from that
amount of a depreciated and somewhat
mutilated Currency. In the principal
Atlantic Cities these coins have disappeared
from circulation. But a large amount yet
remains in the Country and finds an
circulation in different parts of the
United States. A portion of these coins
would have found their way to the Mint
if it had been in our power to make
more rapid returns of payments than,
from a variety of causes, we were able
to do.

In order to relieve the Community
from this irregular and depreciated Cur-
rency I think it is advisable that the
Law in question should be extended
for another period of two years. I induce
to make this recommendation because
I think it will be beneficial to the public;
and it will not occasion any expense
to the Government; on the contrary a

Small profit is yielded to the Treasury
of the United States by the transaction.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Howell Cobb.
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City

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Log
L. Parry Esq
Pittsburg

Enquire if order for
chilled roll was
received.

Jan 14, 1859. —

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Jan 14, 1859.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of the 11th inst.

I send you to-day per Adams
Express ^(to 30 Jan next) ten dollars in new cents in payment of
2 years' subscription for the Bankers Magazine.

My Annual report is not printed
in pamphlet form. - It is to be found at page
of the ~~Financial~~ Report of the Secretary of the Treasury
on the finances 1857-58, a copy of which I send
you to-day per Express.

Very Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

J. Smith Adams Esq,
No 63 William St,
New York.

Jan 14. 9.

Sir,

On the 6th inst I sent you an order
for one cast iron roll for the Mint. Not having
received an acknowledgment thereof, I am
induced to ask whether you received the
same.

Very Respectfully,
Sam^l B. Mayhew,
Director of the Mint

Wm John. P. Parry,
Pittsburg,
Pa.

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JOHN W. BURKE.

ARTHUR HERBERT.

Banking and Exchange Office

OF

BURKE & HERBERT

Alexandria, Va., July 13th 1859

Mr J. H. Walton Esq
15 Mint Philadelphia

We wrote you under date

with

We have yours of the 11th inst

~~with reference to the same~~

And now it not for the portion
which you intended to add you might have protected
our profits without another word from us. But to
show you that we know what we do say and that
your view in this instance are entirely at fault. We
enclose you two circulars of the most prominent Specie
Brokers in this country, namely Messrs Cornish & Co
of Philadelphia & Messrs Innes & Colgate of New York.
The Messrs Innes & Colgate is of a very late date but as
their quotations are above ours to you. They ~~say~~ prove
that there has been no decrease in price since
Messrs Cornish & Co circular of date Dec 6th 1858

Respectfully
Arthur Herbert

From

Burke & Herbert
Alexandria Va
Jan 13 1859

Marion Ohio Jan'y 13th 1859

Sirs

I wish to know the value of Spanish and Mexican coin or what will the mint give for oz. Troy weight for $\frac{1}{4}$ & $\frac{1}{8}$ coin you will please let me know what you will give and the way you by and the weight you by at and the difference in the value of the two coins if any I have the opportunity of collecting a quantity of the coin at this place and have some 5 or 6 lbs on hand and wish to get rid of it to the best advantage you will please let me know by return mail

W B. Lewis
Sheriff
Marion County Ohio

From
The Sheriff Marion Co.
Marion
Ohio

Exchange & -
Spanish Coin

Law 18, 1839. -

Baltimore January 10 1859

Dear Sir

I beg you to due me a favor to inform me
whether there were any cents coined in the mint
in 1815 and in 1791 and 1792 and 1793 and what
their worth is that are worth more than any other
I am told that there are wanted at the mint
if you will ~~answer~~ these few lines you will oblige
me and due me a great favor yours Respectfully

G. P. Weller

N. B. Direct your letter Baltimore Post office

G. P. Weller

From
G P Miller

Baltimore
Jan 10 1899

Recd Jan 11/99

Salem. January 12th 1859

James H. Walton Esq,
Treasurer Philadelphia Mint
Dear Sir

I have just received through Adams Express the enclosed certificate of the United States Mint, with the amount $\$936 \frac{2}{100}$ for the coinage of $5402 \frac{86}{100}$ African Gold Dust — I have had heretofore several lots coined at your Mint and also at the New York Assay Office, and it has always turned out about 18 dollars or more to the ounce — and my reason for now addressing you, is that I think you have made an error in the enclosed certificate — Please drop me a line in relation to it

I oblige

Yours respectfully
Henry O. Roberts

Salem
Mass ¹²/₁₁

From

Henry O Roberts
Salem Mass

Jan 12 1859

Recd

Jan 14/59

Two assays of this deposit were made, both
resulting 845 thousandths. It also contained
35 thous^{an} base metal, a thing never met with
in the native African grains, except perhaps to the
extent of about 5 thous^{an}. "It was also brittle after melting."
— This was undoubtedly
owing to the ^{presence} ~~presence~~ of some trinkets;
which are sometimes very good gold, & sometimes
quite base, altho' presenting a good appearance.
Some that we lately assayed, were only about
600 thousth.

Treasury Department

First Auditors Office

January 12th 1859

Sas W Walton Esq.
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir

I have This day received
your ordinary Expense Account, for the 4th Quarter
of 1858.

Very Respectfully &c

J. L. Smith
Auditor

From

F L Smith

First Auditor

Jan 12 1859

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

January 12. 1859

Sir

I have this day forwarded by the Adams Express Co Three boxes containing Silver bullion, of the net value of \$7194.03 Contains gold \$1626.02 net.

I will thank you to remit quarter dollars for the former, and double eagles for the latter.

Very Respectfully

Wm J. Wood
Treasurer

J H Walton Esq
Treas^r U. S. Mint

From

Mr J Leisco Duus
New York

Jan 12 1859

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ORIGINAL.

No. *2*

Received from the TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES

ASSAY OFFICE, NEW YORK, *Three* boxes, containing

Silver Bullion, of the net value of (*\$ 8,820.05*)

Eight Thousand Eight

Hundred Twenty

5
100 Dollars,

for transportation
~~which we agree to insure against all risks, and delivery to the~~ TREASURER OF

THE UNITED STATES MINT AT PHILADELPHIA.

New York, *Jan 12* 185*9*

For the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

E. P. Rober

Chamber of Commerce of the State of New-York.

New-York, Aug 11 1859.

Rev. Snowden Esq,

Dear Sir,

Should you have any
Copies of your Report, in
pamphlet form. I wd be
glad to have 15 or 20 copies
for distribution. Two or three
to London, as many to Paris,
& copies to our public libraries;
& the substance to reprint in
my next N^o.

The Cents for which I wrote
last week have not arrived
Yrs truly J. Smith Homans

Wm L
Smith & Son
New York

\$10.00 in new
certs forwarded
in payment of
bill for 2 years
Magazine

As to my
Annual Report

send copy
of Report to Sec Treas
on Finance

Jan 14, 1889

Chamber of Commerce of the State of New-York.

New-York, January 1. 1859.

J. R. Snowden Esq
 Dear Sir,

If your new coin is
 now ready for distribution,
 I will feel obliged by your
 sending me \$10 of them in
 exchange for the enclosed bills
 to June 1858 \$10
 to June 1859 \$10

I have taken the occasion to
 give a facsimile of the Coin
 for one of our papers.

With great respect

Yrs. J. Smith Homans.
 W. C. Williams M.

W.D. I cannot find any one
among our U. S. officers, who
can state to what extent
the copper coin is a legal
tender. I find no reference
to it in the Digest of Laws
U. S.

WM

of
Mr L Smith Homans Esq
Ed Parker May
New York

Enclosing Receipted
Bills, & desiring
payment in
new cents.

Jan 4. 1839.

THE NEW CENT.

The new Cent ordered by the Secretary of the Treasury is now in process of coinage at Philadelphia and will be distributed in January or February, 1859.

The obverse presents an ideal head of AMERICA ; the drooping plumes of the North American Indian give it the character of North America. The head is intended as an illustration of "Liberty." The reverse is a plain laurel wreath enclosing the words ONE CENT,



weight 72 grains, or three-twentieths of a troy ounce—eighty-eight per cent. copper and twelve per cent. nickel.

The Act of Congress on this subject is as follows, 1857 :

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That from and after the passage of this act, the standard weight of the cent coined at the mint shall be seventy-two grains, or three-twentieths of one ounce troy, with no greater deviation than four grains in each piece ; and said cent shall be composed of eighty-eight per centum of copper and twelve per centum of nickel, of such shape and device as may be fixed by the director of the mint, with the approbation of the Secretary of the Treasury ; and the coinage of the half cent shall cease.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the treasurer of the mint, under the instruction of the Secretary of the Treasury, shall, from time to time, purchase from the bullion fund of the mint the materials necessary for the coinage of such cent piece, and transfer the same to the proper operative officer of the mint, to be manufactured and returned in coin.

Legal Tender.—Legal tender of money varies in different countries. Thus, in England, Bank of England notes (except by the Bank itself) and gold are legal tender for any amount. Silver to the amount of forty shillings only.

In the United States, the gold and silver coins of the United States were made legal tender by the act of January 18, 1837—viz : That dollars, half dollars, quarter dollars, dimes, and half dimes, shall be legal tender according to their nominal value, for any sums whatever ; the gold eagle at ten dollars, the half eagle at five dollars, and the quarter eagle for two and a half dollars. By the act of 1849, the coinage of the double eagle, value twenty dollars, and of the gold dollar was authorized, both of which are legal tender for any amount.

Owing to the alloy in the new silver coins, authorized by Congress 3d March, 1851, and 21st February, 1853, they are no longer legal tender except in small sums, viz :

Three Cent Pieces (Act 3d March, 1851, and 3d March, 1853.....	30 cts.
Half Dollars. (192 grains each, 21st Feb. 1851)	} \$5 00
Quarter Dollar, 96 " " " " "	
Dime, 38-40 " " " " "	
Half Dime 19-20 " " " " "	

By the Act of February, 1857, "all former Acts authorizing the currency of foreign gold or silver coins, and declaring the same a legal tender in payment of debts, are hereby repealed."

In the absence of any special agreement, the only payment known to the law is by cash. The tender should, properly, be in cash, and must be so if that is required. A tender of a larger sum than is due with the requirement of change or of the balance, is not good. A lawful tender, and payment of the money into Court, is a good defence to an action for the debt. But the creditor may break down this defence by proving that he demanded the money of the debtor, and the debtor refused to give it, subsequently to the tender.

British and North American Royal Mail Steamship KARNAK, Capt. Brownless, will sail from the Company's Dock; at Jersey City, for the above ports, on the day after the arrival of the steamship Africa, which left Liverpool 25th December.

Passage money to Nassau..... \$45

Do do Havana..... 60

Do do between Nassau and Havana.... 15

For freight or passage, apply to

d28 t s

E. CUNARD, 4 Bowling Green.



FOR HAVANA—Positively First Vessel to Sail—Has more than half her cargo engaged—The superior fast-sailing coppered and copper fastened brig REN-

SHAW, Pierce, master, is now loading and will sail as above. For bulk of 300 to 400 bbls, or passage, apply on board, pier

8 E.R., or to

d30

I. B. GAGER, 96 Wall st

Shippers are requested to call before engaging freight, as we will take it cheap. Cheap freight and quick despatch.

The bark WARREN will follow.



FOR HAVANA—With Despatch—The superior well know coppered and copper fastened bark J. B. JOHNSON, Blake, master, will receive what freight may offer on the most favorable terms for shippers and be promptly despatched.

For freight or passage apply on board, pier 45 E.R., or to

d29

JOHN NORTON, JR, 90 Wall-st



FOR HAVANA (Cuba)—The fine bark J. B. JOHNSON, Capt. D. H. Blake, will have quick despatch for the above port.

For Freight or passage apply to

d28

PECK & CHURCH, cor. Wall and South sts



FOR HAVANA—The fine Al fast sailing regular packet bark MARY C. DYER, Ficket, master, now loading at pier 5 E. R., will probably be full this week

For freight, apply on board, or to

d25

H. S. VINING, 31 Old Slip.



FOR HAVANA—Positively First Vessel—The fine Al fast-sailing bark MARY C. DYER, Ficket, master, will probably be full this week.

For freight or passage, apply on board, at pier 5 E. R., or to

d25

JAS. W. ELWELL & CO., 57 South st.



FOR HAVANA—To Sail Positively on the 5th of January—The superior and fast-sailing packet brig PROTHEUS, Chipman, master, having nearly all her cargo engaged and going on board, will sail as above.

For balance of freight, to the bulk of 400 barrels, apply on board pier 7 E.R., or to

d23

M. TRUJILLO,
or W. W. RUSSELL, 116 Wall street.



FOR HAVANA—The regular packet bark CORINTHIAN, Winchester, master, will have immediate dispatch for the above port.

For freight or passage, apply on board, at pier 9 E. R., or to

d18

STURGES & Co., 32 South st.



FOR ST. JAGO DE CUBA—Packet of Monday—The fast-sailing schr JUANA, Paxton, master, will take the bulk of from 200 to 300 bbls, and positively sail as above.

For freight or passage, apply on board, at the bulkhead between piers 27 and 28 E. R., or to

d30

I. B. GAGER, 96 Wall st.

N.B.—Shippers will please clear their goods and send in bills of lading, so as not to detain the vessel.



FOR TRINIDAD DE CUBA—The fine fast-sailing bark PRIDE OF THE SEA, Urann, master, will have immediate dispatch for the above port.

For freight or passage, apply to

d16

YZNAGA DEL VALLE & CO. 28 Broadway.



FOR NUEVITAS—The fine fast-sailing bark CLARRISSA, Pettigrew, master, will have immediate despatch for the above port.

For freight or passage apply to

d21

YZNAGA DEL VALLE & CO., 28 Broadway.



FOR NUEVITAS—The brig HIDALGO, Capt Whittemore, will have immediate dispatch for the above port. For freight or passage, apply to

d21

THOMAS OWEN & SON., 158 South st.



FOR ST. THOMAS AND MARACAIBO—The brig ADDY SWIFT, Ave y, master, will sail for the above ports on Saturday, Jan. 8th

For freight or passage apply to

d29

MAITLAND, PHELPS & CO.,
45 and 47 Exchange Place.



FOR ZAZA—The fine fast-sailing bark PENTUCKET, Leighton, master, will have immediate despatch for the above port.

For freight or passage, having superior accommodations, apply to

d21

YZNAGA DEL VALLE & CO., 28 Broadway.

FOR SOUTH AMERICA.



FOR RIO DE JANEIRO. Direct—Regular Line—The well-known brig SPRITE, Smith, master, will have immediate despatch as above.

For freight or passage, having handsome stateroom accommodations, apply to

d8

GURDON S. COIT, 114 Wall st.



FOR ROSARIO—Direct—The superior fast-sailing coppered bark TEXAS, E. T. Merrill, master, will be despatched as above.

For freight or passage, having superior accommodations, apply on board, foot 30th st, N. R., or to

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JOHN NORTON, JR, 90 Wall st

No 15 Trinity St
New York Jan 11th / 59

Dear Sir:

Your valued letter with its highly prized enclosure — so unlooked for — is just at hand. I have since observed that the "Tribune" found precious few followers or admirers of its foolish hyper-criticism.

With apology for this further intrusion, allow my best & kindest thanks in return.

Most respectfully

Yours to
Chas. Herbert.

James Ross Snowden, Esq.
Director of the Mint
Phila.

P.S. — Mr Babcock (banking dept of "Adams Express Co") gave me the former address.

L.H.

Wm Charles Herbert
N.Y.

All receipt
given sent

Jan 13. 1839.

Jan 14 9.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
your letter of the 11th inst.

I send you today per Adams Express
ten dollars in new cents in payment of two years
subscription (from 30th Jan 1857 to 30th Jan 1859) for the
Bankers Magazine.

My Annual Report is not now
printed in pamphlet form. My last report is
to be found at page 66 of the Report of the Secretary
of the Treasury on the Finance, 1857-58, a copy of
which I send to you across today per Express.

Very Respectfully,
Samuel P. Newton
Director of the Mint.

J. Smith Adams & Co
No. 36 William St.
New York

Ad. In reply to a question
in one of your letters I have
to state that the Co. is not
making any more copies
of the 1857-58 report.

Boston Jan'y 10/59
J R Snowden Esq
Philadelphia

Sir

Please inform us
by return mail whether you
have as yet a sufficient ac-
cumulation of Angel Copper to
offer it for sale & if so the
lowest cash price for the same
we presume 21¢ would be a
fair price for it, but we are
not sure of the quality. Can
a sample be had of a few
Ingots on what conditions?

Respectfully Yours
Merrill Batchelder & Co

From
Messrs Musgrave,
Batchelder & Co
Boston

J. R. Woodward Esq
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

Ask quotation
of ingots per
(made from old cents)

Jan 12, 1879.

No. of Bank

Date of Report

Jan. 7. 9

Dear Sir,

The Communication
which came from New York
respecting the dies used in the
Mint had better be referred
to the Directors, and all
similar communications
ought to take that direction
for obvious reasons.

Very truly yours
J. B. Snowden.
Director.

Sam. H. Walker Esq.
Treasurer of the Mint.

To J. H. Mallon Esq
Treas^r. Minst

Letter from N.Y. recpt,
They ought to be
referred to the Director
as well as all similar
communications.

Jan 8. 1889. -

Two copies

From

Reed McQuinn Kelly & Co
Lancaster

Jan 8/89

Mint of the U States
Phil. July 8. 1859.

Dear Sir,

The enclosed letter from Ch^s
Herber. of N York. was received by
me this morning, which perhaps
more properly belongs to your
Department.

Very Truly Yours
G. Walton
Treasurer

Col J R Snowden
Director of U S Mint.

Assay of Melted & Refined Grains
from Sweepings. - Jan'y 8. 1869.

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Gold	-- --	512 $\frac{1}{2}$
Silver	-- --	305

J. P. Eckstein
Assayer

Assay of Melted & Refined Grains
from Sweepings. Jan'y 7. 1859.

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Gold	---	180
Silver	---	578

J. P. Eckfelder
Assayer

MTRs fine Silver. Dec 22. 1858

No. 122 ✓ 998.

3 ✓ 998½

4 ✓ "

5 ✓ "

6 ✓ "

127 ✓ 998½

8 ✓ 998

9 ✓ 998½

30 ✓ 995 Gold 3.

WCD art arrayer

M & P's fine Silver
Novr. 29. 1858

No. 118 ✓ 998½

119 ✓ 998½

120 ✓ 999

121 ✓ 998

14,55,80

121040

24440

Assay of All Ores Gold Grains
from Sweepings. Jan'y 4. 1859

5
Gold ----- 658.
Silver ----- 100.

J. P. Eckfelter
Assayer

Jan. 1. '59.

Melter & Refiner's Silver

	fine		
No. 17	↓ 846 $\frac{1}{2}$	gold	34 $\frac{1}{2}$
18	↓ 846	"	33
19	↓ 711	"	269 $\frac{1}{2}$

No. 131	↓ 616 $\frac{1}{2}$
2	↓ 627 $\frac{1}{2}$
3	↓ 627 $\frac{1}{2}$
4	↓ 638
5	↓ 360 $\frac{1}{2}$

Medal Silver, 1. ↓ 998 $\frac{1}{2}$,
" 2. ↓ 998 $\frac{1}{2}$

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

January 4. 1859

Sir

I am in receipt of \$ 53,404.88
in Gold Coins in payment of invoice No 1.

Very Respectfully

J H Walton Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm J Coo
Treasurer

From

Mr J Cisco Sears
New York

Jan 7 1859

Dr. Sir.

I wrote you about a week since
requesting you to send me a copy of the printed
pamphlet containing the Law Regulations
of the United States - received no reply. Your
report has since been printed here & I have
now no occasion for the copy I then asked
you for. My letter also referred to another
matter connected with the Branch Unit
at New Orleans & I am on that account
desirous to know whether it was received
by you.

Very Respectfully

John Nichols
Senate Chamber
7 Nov. 1859

Wm. W. Anderson Esq.

Philad.

From To
Hon John Slidell
U.S. Senator
Washington City

States that he wrote to
me some days since -
reply that the same
has not been rec'd.

Jan 8, 1859. -

Jan. 7. 9.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday. The former letter to which you refer, never reached me.

I am at all times as happy to respond at once to any communication from you, and I take this occasion to say that I would be glad to hear from you, because I infer that your letter related to a question of some delicacy which has arisen at the French Mint at New Orleans, ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~which~~ ^{is} now under consideration. I am disappointed on that subject until I have the pleasure of hearing from you.

I am, with great respect,
Yours Obedient

Hon. John S. Sidel
U.S. Senator.

Samuel R. McMillan
Director of the Mint
Washington City.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Jan'y 7 1859

To the Director of the Mint.

The following is my report of Assays of Cent ingots, during the months of November and December last.

Percent. of Nickel.					Percent. of Nickel.				
Nov. 1.	24 melts, Mint.	12.6	Nov. 16	17 boxes, Kens ⁿ	12.5				
"	7 " "	11.9	"	24 melts, Mint	12.3				
3	17 boxes, Kensington.	12.2	17	24 " "	12.0				
5	28 melts, Mint.	12.8	19	24 " "	12.0				
6	24 " "	12.6	20	24 " "	11.8				
8	22 " "	12.9	22	23 " "	12.5				
9	30 " "	12.5	23	23 boxes, Kens ⁿ	11.8				
"	17 boxes, Kens ⁿ	12.2	"	24 melts, Mint	11.9				
10	28 melts, Mint	12.0	24	24 " "	12.0				
11	28 " "	12.2	25	24 " "	11.8				
12	28 " "	12.1	26	35 " "	12.0				
13	28 " "	12.2	29	49 " "	11.5				
15	24 " "	12.2							(over)

			Percent. of Nickel				Percent. of Nickel
Decr 1	63 melts, mint		11.5	Decr 13	30 melts, mint		12.2
3	28 " "		12.3	15	33 " "		12.0
4	20 boxes, Kens ⁿ		11.5	17	42 " "		11.9
6	65 melts, mint		11.5	18	19 boxes, Kens ⁿ		11.9
8	57 " "		11.8	20	42 melts, mint		12.4
10	27 " "		11.7	22	35 " "		12.1
13	21 boxes, Kens ⁿ		11.9	24	23 boxes, Kens ⁿ		11.8
				29	47 melts, mint		12.1

J. P. Eckfeldt
Assayer

Assay Office, U. S. Mint
Jan'y 7. 1859

Hon. J. R. Snowden

Director &c &c

Sir

Obediently to instructions
in the case, I have to report a faithful
attendance to duty, on the part of persons em-
ployed in this department of the Mint, during
the months of November and December. (the
report for November having been inadvertently
delayed.)

Very respectfully
your obed^t serv^t
J. R. C. Phelps
Assayer

Report

For December 1858

Assayer

December
~~January~~ 1858.

15 Anny St.
New York Jan 6th 58.

Dear Sir

I clip the following from the "N.Y. Tribune" of Jan 5th it may have escaped your notice. — written by a Mr. Congden (I think) associate-Editor of that Journal, who often in aiming to be witty fails to be wise; he is sarcastic & ironical to a proverb; and apparently does not know the difference between a Princess and a "squaw".

As something of a Numismatist I think it a most exquisite little coin — beautiful in design & execution — doing honor alike to its designer and the mint which issued it. —

A specimen bearing date 1858 (I believe) has been in town for a month past. & which I have heard much

Praised by Collectors here.
Though unknown to you I am
Mr. Walton
Superintendent of ~~the~~ ~~U.S. Mint~~ } Very sincerely &c
Chas. Herbst.

P.S. — I think it strange that your new
city Directory should ignore the existence of
the "U.S. Mint." I ~~am~~ desired to find out the
officers for the present year but could not
from its pages

CH

From To

Charles Herbst

New York

Specimen
cont. -

Enclosing
slip from N.Y.
Librarian & -

Jan 8. 1859.

Jan. 8, 9

Dear Sir,

In acknowledging your
letter of the 6th inst. I have to
state that the article found the
Bible, which you enclosed,
is unworthy of notice from
any quarter.

No request of kind was made
of 1858.

Very respectfully

Yours obediently,
James R. Bowdler,
Director of the Mint.

M

Charles Herbert

15 Smith St.

New-York.

Saint Paul Jan 6 1859

for R. Swoden & }
Superintendent }

Dear Sir

Will

you please return me the
enclosed table with the amounts
for which the several U.S. coins
are legal tender, set oppo-
site the various coins?

Do you send cents, as
formerly, when requested, free
of charge, to any part of
the U.S.? If not what is
the cost of them sent to
St Paul?

Yours truly
S. P. Langford Cashr

Bank of the State of Minnesota,

ST. PAUL, MIN.

PASCAL WHITNEY,
Pres't.

N. P. LANGFORD,
Cashier.

*This Bank, organised under the General
Banking Law of this State, is prepared to do
business.*

*Collections in St. Paul remitted for on day
of payment, without charge except current rate of
Exchange; and Collections on all other points in
Minnesota at $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. commission.*

From To
Cash: Bank of the
State of Minnesota
St Paul
Min.

Amounts for
which Silver coins
are legal tender

Jan 13, 1859. —

Jan 13. 9.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
your letter of the 16th inst.

The silver dollar is a legal tender of
payment for all sums whatever; the half dollar,
quarter dollar, dime & half dime for all sums not
exceeding five dollars, and three cent pieces for
all sums of 30 cents and under.

The expenses of transportation on the
new cent in sums of fifty dollars are paid by
the Mint as per enclosed circular.

Very Respectfully,
S. M. B. D. D.
Director of the Mint.

A. P. Langford Esq,
Cash. &
Saint Paul,
Minnesota

Amounts for which the several coins
of the U. S. are legal tender

Silver Dollar	—
" $\frac{1}{2}$ "	—
" $\frac{1}{4}$ "	—
Dime	—
$\frac{1}{2}$ "	—
3 cent piece	—
Cents	—

The Silver Dollar is a legal tender for
all sums whatever. Half dollar
Is dollar five times they divide \$5 =
3ct PS 30ct

Smith of the United States
Philad^a Jan 5th 1834.

Sir,

I have your letter of the 29th ult^o and
have this day agreed with H. Frazer to make
a ballance for you to weigh 400 ounces, and weights
and everything complete for \$475⁰⁰, which will be
furnished within three months or sooner if possible.

The sketches in way herewith, are intended
as designs for the new coinage.

The Female figure is intended to represent
the "Genius of Freedom," with the Cap of Liberty
in the back ground, and the Eagle the emblem
of the States. She is seated on a Rock to
show the everlasting character of Freedom.

The left hand is intended to lightly hold
a palm branch to exhibit the character
of peace, while the Right hand is firmly grasping
the shield of the States, to represent her continuous
over

Wm Barber

Philadelphia

Presentation of designs
for new Silver Coinage

Support of the Republic.

The Venus is intended for the
head of Washington. I have omitted the
Motto - as that scarcely belongs to the Artist
to suggest.

The Third Model is intended for
something more simple being merely
an arrangement of the Arms of the States.

W Barber, ^{2nd} St & Harmony
Philadelphia

Miner of the United States
Philadelphia Jan 6th 1844.

Dear Sir,

Having by my Circular of the 22nd of July
last invited Artists, Engravers, and other persons of taste
to forward me designs for the new Union Coinage, and having
stated that an important examination would be made
of such designs as might be forwarded for that purpose,
and that for those from which should appear best
fitted to be set in view a proper remuneration
would be made, I have now to state that although
none of the designs presented are ~~very~~ ^{excellent}
the object in view, I have considered that the
one presented by you has superior merit to be
embraced in those for which I would make
compensation, I have therefore to request your acqui-
sance of \$200, the amount which I have awarded for
each of the three selected, which will be paid
on presenting the enclosed receipt at the office
of the Treasurer of the Mint.

I am very respectfully
Yours Robert M. Johnston
Miner

Wm H. Barker

8th Broadway Philadelphia

Form 23 A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

2-16156

No. 2.

Thirty Bars of Fine Gold
transmitted to the U.S. Mint for Coinage, in pur-
suance of the Act of March 1855, by Mr. J. Cisco,
Treasurer of the U.S. Assay Office, New York.

1860.
Jan. 5.

Two Boxes # Nos 1 and 2, containing

ounces dec.

7527.29 @ 992½ ~~#~~

Stand. gr. 8300.928 = \$154,435.87
Deduct for Coinage, 772.18

Net Value, \$153,663.69

No 2

Gola

Rec'd June 6/59

Nett Value

\$ 153.663.69

296.06
8.00
304.06

O B Lawrence Hotel
Jan. 5 1859

Mr James R Snowden
Director U S Mint Philadelphia
Dear Sir

Herewith please find
specimen Gold taken by myself
from Kansas & Nebraska Gold Mines.
This is a fair specimen of the
dust thus far discovered, being
collected from different localities
for a space of 10 or 15 miles
around. The principle places
I describe as being on the Platt
River, and Cherry Creek, Above
the town of Auraria, in Arapahoe
County Kansas Territory
Hoping it may prove satisfactory
I remain

Yours truly
H J Graham

Mr
James R Snowden
Sir, U S Mint
Phil.

From Dr
H. J. Graham

Assay of gold
from Kansas & Nebraska
Territory

Jan 7, 1859.

Jan. 7. 9.

Dear Sir,

It is stated by you that the gold grains you placed in my hands for assay were collected from different localities ~~in~~ ^{on} fifteen miles in the region of the Platte River and Cherry Creek, and above the town of Auraria in Arapaho County, Territory of Kansas. It may therefore be regarded as a fair specimen of the gold of that region.

The result of the assay is as follows: Fineness 968 thousandths; value, for ounces ~~weighing~~ ^{trough} melting, \$20.00. The loss in melting was very small; but in ordinary cases a deduction of two per cent from the above may be made in stating the value of native grains.

In a recent report to the Treasury Department I mentioned the result of the assay of

a sample of gold, from the same region,
It gave a fineness of 964 thousandths, and
a consequent value of \$19.92 per ounce
after melting. These results seem to confirm
the character of the Kansas and Alaska
gold, and show it to be of very high
fineness; much above that of California, and
equal to that of Australia.

Having thus given the information asked for,
I beg to make a single remark. If gold
is to be found in the region of the Park
Mountains, and the branches of the Platte,
in the quantities your remarks would lead
us to expect, it is very evident that a
large and enterprising population will
soon find their way thither; and hence that
in a few years the name "Colona", which
has been ~~discovering~~ ^{discovering} "inappropriate," may I
venture to suggest, that some name peculiar
to that region be selected? as for example,
Appachio, or Cheyenne; or Platte or
Kioway? If it were not that I prefer
any name which will serve to keep in

remembrances the aboriginal inhabitants
of that Country, I would even recommend
"The Parks", "Pike's Peak", or "Long's Peak",
as more appropriate and desirable than
a name which has no local interest,
and ^{only} expresses a condition of dependence.
When it would become a State it would
cease to be a Colony.

I am, with great respect,
yours very truly,

Samuel R. Anderson,
Director of the Mint.

H. W. Graham Esq,
now at Washington City.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Jan 5, 1859.

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Mint of the United States

Sir,

I have to request that you will
manufacture for the Mint one cast iron chilled
as per drawing specification enclosed ~~per~~ with
roll of the size and finish specified in the enclosed
drawing.

Very Respectfully,

(Signed) James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Mr John C. Parry,
Pittsburg,
Pa.

To
Mr John C Ramsey
Pittsburg

Order to Make
cheque for

Drawing, & enclosed

Jan 3, 1889. —

Bank of Cape Fear
Wilmington

5 Jan 1859

Director M. S. Mint
Phil^a

Dear Sir

On the 24th

Decr last I sent you my ch m & y
for \$500 - with a request that you
would send me \$500 in quarters.
I have not heard from you.

Yours Resp. Y
W H Bone C^o

From To
Paul Cape Fear
Raleigh
N.C.

Rept check
Section on 24
ult

Jan 8. 1889.

Jan 8. 9.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 5th inst. I have to state that the check you refer to was duly received, and the proceeds forwarded to you on the 4th inst, in a quarter dollar, per Adams Express Co.

Very Respectfully,

J. R. Snowden
Director of the Mint.

M. H. Jones Esq,
Cashier Bank of Cape Fear,
Raleigh,
N. C.

No. of Bank

Date of Report

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Jan. 4, 1859.

Dear Sir,

You will please inform
Mr. Peter Somers that his services as
a night watchman will no longer
be required.

Very respectfully

Yours obt. servant,

James R. Anderson,
Director U.S. Mint.

D. H. R. Linderman.

Director's clerk,

U.S. Mint,

Order of the
Director for the
discharge of
Peter Somers a
Night Watchman

Jan 9. 1839. —

Jan 4th 9

Dear Sir,

I am instructed by the Director
of the Mint to inform you that, in consequence
of your intemperate habits, your services as a night
watchman are no longer required.

Very Respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director Dec 12

Mr Peter Somers

26 Cliff St
New York 4 January 1858.

The Honble J. R. Snowden
Director of Mint
Philad

Sir,

I take the liberty of offering
a parcel of German Nickel, granulated, in conjunction
with Copper - being, as per analysis - 60.03 Nickel, 39.10 Copper
& a trace of Iron - abt same proportion of latter as English, I
believe - The lot is 75 cases, 1 cwt ea to arrive soon
& would offer it @ 82[¢] - Eighty two cents per pound - Think
you had the same article some time since thro' a
Phil^a Firm, who paid \$1.00 for it - Can supply it with
regularity & largely if necessary - As the price is below
the par for such percentage of Nickel & Copper, I trust you
will give it consideration - Can send sample if desired
In the meantime, I am Sir, yours

With much respect

Wm. F. Corbitt

From John Herbert
W.A.

Offer to furnish
Material

Jan 8, 1859

Copy.

Consulate of the United States,
At Cobija January 4 1859.

Hon. Wm. Medill.
1st Comptroller of the Treasury.
Washington.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your circular dated 1st Octr,
1858, -

In the "table of foreign coins" there
is no mention made of Bolivian currency,
I am therefore unable to adjust my accounts
agreeable with the instructions conveyed
in your circular, there being no coin therein
named obtainable here.

The small drafts I have periodically
to draw on the Secretary of the Treasury
could not be sold here for more than
par payable in Bolivian $\frac{1}{2}$ dollars, the
only

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office.
March 1st 1859.

Hon: Jas. Ross Snowden.

Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir,

I herewith enclose copy of a communication received this day from Lewis Joel, Esq., U. S. Consul at Cobija in Bolivia, dated January 4th 1859, covering a Bolivian half dollar, which I also send you.

Agreeably to the request of Consul Joel, I have respectfully to ask, that you will cause an assay of the same to be made, and inform me of the result at your convenience.

I am, respectfully,
Yours obt. Servt.,

W. M. D. O.
Comptroller

(Copy)

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia, Dec 8, 1858.

Sir,

Referring to a letter recently (30th ult^o) addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury - a copy of which I suggested should be placed in your hands - I have now to state that the letter of the U.S. Consul at Pernambuco besides correcting the error into which we fell in relation to the milreis, indicates that a somewhat different basis ought to be assumed in preparing the tables of values of foreign coins to be used for the specific purpose stated in your correspondence with me.

When I was called on to prepare these tables I had but a few days previously, in my annual report, embraced a statement of the "average weight, fineness and value of such foreign coins as are known to our commerce". This circumstance doubtless contributed to an arrangement of values, which I am now disposed to consider inaccurate for your purpose.

Consuls abroad, to the following effect:

1. Are drafts from, or on, the United States usually paid in gold or in silver, where you reside.
2. What is the value put upon the gold coin of the U. States of full, unworn weight, at the national mint, or by dealers in bullion, expressed in the money-terms of the place where you reside. And if our gold coin is too little known to give an answer, please state the same facts in regard to the English Sovereign, or the 20 franc piece of France.
3. What is the lawful weight and fineness of the principal gold coins and silver coins of the Country where you reside.
4. Are both gold and silver coins legal tenders at their nominal values for all sums.

You can probably, suggest the proper mode of obtaining answers to these enquiries.

In the meantime I will let this matter rest until I have your views upon it.

(over)

I am, very Respectfully
Your Old Serv
James Rep Snowden
Director of the Mint

Hon' W. Medill
Comptroller
Treasury Department
Washington City

In gold coins our tables make the comparison by taking our own coin as of full legal weight and fineness, whereas we accord to foreign coins only their average weight - after wear, and actual assay. Hence while at Pernambuco they rate our gold so as to make the milreis 55 cents, we in Philadelphia rate their gold so as to make the milreis 54.5 cents. I am now of opinion that to equalize settlements with embassadors and consuls it would be better to calculate their gold as of full weight and fineness.

But in some countries gold does not furnish the commercial basis; and here we are much embarrassed because by our law there is no longer any fixed valuation of silver, except for a depreciated and subsidiary coinage; nor do we pay for foreign silver coins in gold. Now, as to the following countries - England, France and Brazil - we are sufficiently informed to make our amended statement; but in regard to all others we need some facts which could be obtained by a circular letter to our representatives and

Thos. L. Smith
Comptroller Treasury

Assay Report
Botivian half
dollar

March 2, 1889—

only coin, except those of lesser value, in circulation. There are times when, doubtless, a premium could be obtained, but they have to be waited and watched for.

I have therefore, to enable me to adjust my accounts in accordance with your instructions, enclosed herewith a Bolivian half dollar, the equivalent of which in U. S. Currency, you will as soon as ascertained do me the favor of informing me. In the interval, I have again to send my draft to the U. S. for collection, thereby entailing a loss by freight collection, and interest of about 20%.

I have the Honor to be

Respectfully, Yours Obdt. Serv't.

(Signed) Lewis Joel.

United States Consul.

March 2, 9.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of yesterday enclosing a communication from Lewis Loel, Esq, M. S. Consul at Cobija, Bolivia, covering a Bolivian half-dollar.

In preparing for you some time since the table of foreign coins, a satisfactory statement as to Bolivian currency could not be made, because of the wide disagreement between the dollar and half-dollar. So late as 1848, the dollar was 900 $\frac{1}{2}$ thousandths fine, mint value 105.4 cents. The half-dollar was, in 1830, reduced to the two third standard (667 thousandths) and was worth 38.5 cents. The piece sent by Consul Loel, dated 1858, and another on hand, dated 1855, show a continuation of the same standard; that is, strictly, one gives 666 fine, the other 667 $\frac{1}{2}$, average weight of 0.435,

average value 39 cents. The values above stated, are at 121 cents per ounce standard, the present mint price for silver. It appears from the letter of Consul Joel, that the whole dollar is no longer coined, or circulated; so that this half, which is the principal piece, must be taken as the basis, in laying down a rule of valuation.

Enclosed you will please find 39 cts. the value of the coin.

Very Respectfully,
Yours obt. Servt.
H. R. Linderman
for the Director of the Mint.

Hon. Mr. Medill,
Comptroller,
Treasury Department,
Washington City.

U. S. Assay Office, New York,

Treasurer's Department.

January 3^d 1859

Sir

I herewith enclose receipt and invoice No 1. of fine gold bars transmitted this day by the Adams Express Company, of the net value of \$53,404.88. For which I will thank you to remit double Eagles

Very Respectfully

J H Wallen Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm. J. C. Wro
Treasurer

From Mrs J Lisco Cur
New York
Jan 3 1859

No. *1*.....

Received from the TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES

ASSAY OFFICE, NEW YORK,

One.....boxes, containing

Gold Bullion, of the net value of (\$ *53404.88*)

Fifty three thousand
four hundred four.....⁸⁸/₁₀₀ Dollars,

~~which we agree to insure against all risks,~~ and deliver to the TREASURER OF
THE UNITED STATES MINT AT PHILADELPHIA.

New York,

Jan 3 185*9*

For the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

John Hovey

ORIGINAL.

Form 23A

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

2-16156

JANUARY 1ST 1859

July 1. 59.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Your letter of the 4th ult. with the enclosures stated, also, a package containing the assay coins of Your branch Mint for the month of May last.

Your first letter via Los Angeles respecting the portable failure in the supplies of parting acid, gave me some uneasiness, although I was of opinion that Your alarm was probably premature, and that the cargoes from Iquique, would arrive in time to furnish the necessary supply. I am glad to learn from Your recent letter that my expectations have been realized.

The proposition of Messrs Farmer, Chase & Co. to furnish the branch Mint with acids for one year from August 11th 1859, being the most advantageous offer that can be obtained, may be accepted, and the necessary papers executed.

The Tariff for Silver adopted by You is well considered, and may be regarded as approved by me. It embraces substantially my instructions on the subject.

The adjusting balances desired by the Comrs have been ordered and will be forwarded as soon as they can be manufactured.

Enclosed please find bills of lading for 60 tons of ingot silver recently shipped to Your Branch Mint. The shipment was made by three different vessels, viz: "The John Hagler", "Sumatra" & "Jennie H. Paine", as a matter of precaution against accident by sea.

I have received the sum of \$19,000, on account of the sale at New York, of scraps of Your Branch Mint, for which amount Your Treasurer may draw on me, and dispose of the draft as in the former case. The account of the sale of the scraps in question has not yet been rendered but I hope to receive it in time to enclose to You by the 15th inst. As the amount ^{in my hands} may benefit Your Bullion fund I thought it better to have the same made available for that purpose.

without waiting for the account to be finally
settled.

Very Respectfully,



Director of the Mint

Charles H Hempstead Esq,
Supt of the Mint,
San Francisco,
Cal.

Form 23 A
FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

No. of Bank

Date of Report

2-16156

Office U. S. Ag. Society,
Washington, D. C. Jan 1, 1857

Hon. J. R. Snowden,

Director U. S. Mint,

Sir, I have this day sent, by
express - freight paid - a box containing copper medals to
be bronzed. By returning them next week, that they
may be distributed at our annual meeting on the week
following, you will greatly oblige.

Your Obedient Servant,

Ben: Perley Poore,

Sec. U. S. Ag. Soc.

From B. Perley Poore
Sec U.S. Arg Soc
Washington

Sending copper
medals to be
hung

Jan 3, 1839. -

Return of absence & lateness of workmen in Corrier's Department
for the month of January. 1859—

<u>Names.</u>	<u>Sickness</u>	<u>Private Business</u>	<u>Lateness</u>	<u>Absence without leave.</u>	<u>absent & unwell</u>	<u>Public Duty</u>			
Keenel.	12 d								
Lambert.	9 d		6/10						
Long.	3 d								
Mitchell	2 d								
Monille	2 d								
Mullen.	4 d								
Smith	1 d.		1 5/10						
Palmer.									
Pickel	1 d.								
Streambeck			7/10						
Delaney.					5 d his brothers				
Doyle.					5/10				
Forman.	2 5/10								
Emm's	3.					5/10			
Inckrow									
Kelly	1.		5/10						
Leatherman	12.								
McCarthy	1 7/10		7/10						
McLaughlan	1.								
Munnely	1.								
Snyder	15								
Thomas	1.								
Stuncle	1.								
Prenot	8.								
Melmann		4/10		1 d					
Mitchell M.			2/10						
Tompkins		2/10							
Garrett.		4/10							
Shaffer.		4/10							
Clinton.						3 2/10			
Huston.	12								
	93	1 4/10	3 7/10	1	5 5/10	3 5/10	108 days absence		

Assay of Chief Corners Base Bars
January 12. 1859

* 10

Gold --- $4\frac{1}{2}$

Silver --- $293\frac{1}{2}$

J. R. Eckfeldt
Assayer

Assay of Chief Corner's Cont Metals
January 12. 1859

N ^o . 12.	(# #) -	Gold -	1
		Silver -	26
N ^o . 13.	(# #)	Gold -	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
		Silver -	27 $\frac{1}{2}$

J. P. Eckstein
Assayer

Assayer's Office Jan 1, 1859

Chief Coiner's Gold Bars

Description.	No.	Fineness Thous.	
Filings	1	890	

J. R. Eckfeldt

Assayer

Assayer's Office Jan 1, 1859.

Chief Coiners Bars containing Silver & Gold.

Description.	No.	Fineness Silver, Thousandths,	Fineness Gold, Thousandths,	
Filings.	1	894 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	marked on down note as no 5 having already no 1 of Gold
	2	179	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	
	3	296	394	
Cent Metal	200	40	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	
" "	6	7		
" "	7	6		
Copper Bars	2	4 $\frac{1}{2}$		

J. R. Eckfeldt
Assayer

Statement of Melted & Refiner's Gold
Bullion in the hands of the Assayer
January 11. 1859

	ozs	Stand		
6.35	ozs	S. L. Proof	@ 1000 =	7.05
2.56	"	Stand	900 =	2.56
4.00	"	Cornets	1000 =	4.44
10.18	"	Standard Bar	900 =	10.18
8.73	"	Gold Bar	806 =	8.30
3.32	"	Gold & Silver Bar	226 =	.83
40	"	Refettes	900	.40
				33.76

J. R. Eckfelder
Assayer

Statement of Melter & Refiner's
Silver Bullion in hands of the
Assayer. January 13. 1859.

ozs Stand

36.20	ozs	Proof Silver	1000 =	40.22
6.05	"	Roll "	"	6.72
3.77	"	Cut "	"	4.19
18.44	"	Silver Crucible	"	20.48
5.00	"	" Pitcher	900	5.00
.30	"	" Dishes	1000	.33
7.96	"	" Drying Pans	"	8.84
98.33	"	Fine Bars	"	109.25
41.09	"	Bar from Ingots	900	41.09
33.02	"	" " Chips	898	32.94
3.32	"	" " Silvery Gold	700	2.58
117.23	"	Bars from Solution	1000 =	130.25

401.89
J. R. Eckfeldt
Assayer

Jan 11. 9.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
Your letter of the 4th inst with \$5- enclosed therein.

The following are the titles of the different
works published by officers of the Mint on Numismat-
ics, viz: "A manual of gold and silver coins of all
nations struck within the past century by Jacob
R Eckfeldt and W^m E. Dubois. 1842." "New Vari-
eties of gold and silver coins counterfeit coins &
bullion; with mint values 1852." by the same authors.
"Brief account of the collection of coins belonging
to the Mint of the United States more particularly
of the antique specimens. 1846. by W^m E. Dubois." The
editions of the foregoing works are exhausted
and I do not know where copies of them can be
obtained.

In reply to so much of your letter as

relates to certain trial pieces of coin. I may
remark in general terms that I am unable to
state the exact number that have from time to
time been struck at the Mint.

I should suppose that by speaking to
a specie broker you could obtain a silver dollar
of 1851. There were 1,300 struck at the Mint in
that year.

Some proof coins (silver & copper) will be
struck in the course of a few weeks, when I
will send you 2 sets as requested.

During my absence from the Mint
some days since, you sent me a gold pencil
which I herewith return, as the acceptance
of it would conflict with my established
rule in relation to such matters.

Very Respectfully,
James R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint

Mr John K. Curtis
No 83 Bleeker St.
New York

83 Meeke St. N.Y.
July 4th 1859

James Rufus Snowden Esq.

Dear Sir

I have addressed you three times
without receiving any answer the other and I
think that the letters have in the hurry
of business got mislaid by you now may
I take upon myself the privilege of addressing
you again hoping that this will reach you
and that you will be so kind as to answer
or have it answered for me - I knew that
during the past year I have been a source
of great trouble to you but I should
be most happy to return your many
kindnesses to me in some ^{way} or other. I am
a Collector and Dealer in Old Coins and wish
to gain all the information I can in regard
to the progress of the Coinage of the United
States I now address you for answers to
the following Questions hoping that by so
doing I shall not be giving you too
much trouble if so I hope you will
be so kind as to excuse me - and if at
any time I could do anything in New York for
you I should only be too happy to do so

hand under a microscope. -

What are the titles of the different
works that have been published by you
and by some other Directors of the Mint
on the subject of Numismatics

How can I obtain a Copy of each work
How many of the Flying Eagle Dollars &
Half Dollars were struck in the years
1836-7-8 & 9 and were there any $\frac{1}{4}$ Dollars of
the same Die -

How many 1856 Flying Eagle Nickel Cents
were struck and if for Pattern or Circulation
Also the same in regard to the 1854 & 55
Pattern Cents - how many -

Have you an 1851 Silver Dollar duplicate
either for exchange or Sale - 1,300

As there been any work published given a
list of Pattern pieces and their descriptions
How many varieties of the 1858 Pattern Cents
have been struck and of what description
also which as been adopted and with any
bearing date 1858 be for circulation or will
a new die be made for 1859 and no more
be of the 1858 date, and how many have
been struck off of each variety and if I
can purchase any of them,

Can I get from you a Proof Set of
this Year Coins, and at what price and I
will remit the amt for them

Hoping this I have not intruded to be
on your patience & kindness and wishing
you the Compliments of the Season
Yours Remain very Respectfully

Wm H Curtis

P.S. Enclosed you will find \$5 = for
which please send me a proof set
or 2 of them if you can and the balance
if any in New Cents 1859 and by sending
you with greatly oblige
Wm H Curtis

Nov 11 1859

From To
Mr Jos Martin
N.Y.

As to Specimen com
✓

Return pencil sent
in my absence

Jan 11. 1859.

1858 /

add

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia,

1855

1. The titles of the different works published by officers of the Mint on numismatics; and where can they be purchased,
2. How many flying ~~eagle~~ eagle dollars and half dollars were struck in the years 1836 1837, 1838, 1839, and were there any $\frac{1}{4}$ dollars of the same, ^{200 F.E. Dollars} _{25 H.S. struck in 1838}
3. How many ^{1854, & 1855 & say 50} 1856 flying eagle nickel cents were struck, trial cents.
4. Can we get ~~any~~ ^a silver dollar of 1851, _{one can be struck from the die of that year.}
5. A proof set of this years Coins - Silver and Cents, is wanted two sets,
Will not have any proof coins 1839 on hand under a month.

This handwriting
is James Ross
Shawden's.

1.

A Manual of Gold & Silver Coins
of all Nations
Struck within the past Century

1842

by Jacob R Eckfeldt & Wm E Davis

New varieties of
Gold and Silver coins
counterfeit coins and Bullion;
with mint values

1852

by the same

Brief Account
of the
Collection of Coins belonging to the
Mint of the United States, more
particularly of the Antique Specimens

1846

by Wm E Davis.

"Pledges of History"

Jan. 22, 9.

Sir,

We are daily pestered upon by collectors of Coins from all parts of the Country either by letter or in person, for specimens of pattern pieces of Coin and rare types. A few of these having been in every case issued, - some of them get into the hands of dealers and are sold at exorbitant prices. I propose, with your approbation, to check this traffic, and at the same time to gratify a taste which has lately greatly increased in this Country, and seems to be increasing every day, namely, by striking some of each kind and affixing a price to them; so that the profits may enure to the benefit of the Mint Cabinet of Coins and ones which is the property of the U.S. States, an exact account of which will be kept

and tendered to the Department.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
your faithful servant

James R. Mendenhall,
Director of the Mint,

Rev. - Lemuel Abbott,

~~Director of the Treasury,~~

Washington City.

unofficial

Wear Sept
July 22nd 1859

Sir,

If you have specimens
in copper of the new \$20
piece also Model half
& quarter dollars & specimen
cents struck last year
before setting on the
new device now used.
I can spare them
without detriment
to the public interest
I would like to have
them. My object is
to give them to a friend

who seems to have
a passion for specimens
of coins -

Yours truly

W. Layton

J. R. Snowden Esq

Director of the Mint

From To

Am P. Clayton
Head & Capt
Washington

Specimen
comes to

Jan 24, 1889

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1859 / JANUARY

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1859/ANNUAL REPORTS

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia Nov. 9 1859

To the Director of the Mint.

The following is my report of assays of cent ingots, during the month of October.

Percent. of Nickel				Percent. of Nickel.			
Octbr. 1	14 melts, mint	12.5		Octbr. 18	14 melts, mint	12.0	
"	27 boxes, Kensington	12.1		19	20 " "	12.6	
3	36 melts, mint	12.2		20	27 " "	12.2	
4	19 " "	11.8		21	27 " "	12.5	
5	21 " "	11.7		22	29 " "	12.4	
6	21 " "	11.9		"	23 boxes, Kensn	11.7	
7	27 " "	12.3		24	25 melts, mint	12.6	
8	19 boxes, Kensn	12.3		25	13 " "	12.4	
"	27 melts, mint	12.5		26	20 " "	12.3	
10	27 " "	12.5		27	29 " "	12.2	
12	13 " "	12.3		28	28 " "	12.2	
13	21 " "	12.1		29	28 " "	12.0	
14	29 " "	12.2		"	12 boxes, Kensn	11.1	
15	26 " "	12.4		31	29 melts, mint	11.8	
"	23 boxes, Kensn	12.2		The melts were Nos. 4673 to 5268.			
17	26 melts, mint	12.5		J. R. Eckfeldt Assayer.			

Assay Office, U.S. Mint
Nov. 9 1859

Hon. J. R. Thompson, Director to you

Sir

Agreeably to the regulation
in the case, I have to report a proper attention
to duty, on the part of persons employed in
this Department of the Mint, during the
month of October.

Respectfully
your obt. servt
J. R. Eckfeldt
Assayer

Assayer
Report
October
~~November~~ 1839

Return of Absence, Lateness, and overtime of Workmen
in Chief Carriers Department for November 1859

Names	Sickness	Private Business	No Excuse rendered				
Forman.		8h					
Leatherman	70						
Mulholland			70				
Snyder Jr	260						
McGrann	10						
Hackett.			20				
Lucin -	10						
Dowling	60						
	410	8h	90. Total 50 days.	8h			
Thompson		40			<u>44</u> 54		
Overtime							
McGrann	2h						
Lawrence H	30 1/2						
McGinnis	40 3/4						
Slaw -	30 1/2						
O'Donald	3. 3/4						
Van Osten	2h						
Husler	2h						
Jeffries	2h						
Huston.	2						
	140.8h						

Mr. Lincoln Apr 4.80

Return of absence
lateness & overtime for
November 1859

Chief Quartermaster's Office

Nov 30th 1859.

To
Hon^{ble} J Ross Snowden,
Director U.S. Mint

The enclosed return of absence lateness &c of workmen in this department for the month just closed exhibits only 54 days absence. The system of deduction for time lost, which you have adopted, will on reference to my monthly returns be found to have operated well and materially reduced the average of absence among the workmen.

I have received the Report of the Engineer concerning the present condition of the Boilers in the Mint and recommending that the Boilers be taken out and replaced by new ones, giving an approximation of the expense, and the probable time required to put in new boilers. Attached to this Report you will find an estimate of Messrs J. P. Morris & Co Boiler builders for 6 plain cylindrical Boilers 40 inches diameter 24 feet long, their arrangement in nests with valves, cocks, dampers and heaters &c

The frequent occurrence of breaks and necessity for repair of boilers involving continual expense, for a considerable period past

induces me to call your attention to the
report of the Engineer herewith submitted

By report of Captⁿ Bruner of the Night
watch 2 Cent boys have been found during the
past month one at Press 11:2 on the right of
Coirring Room and another in the Avenue
between the Coirring presses. The matter is
submitted for such action as may in your
judgment be deemed expedient

Very Respectfully

Geo T. Chiles
Chief Coirner

Report
Chief Comer
Nov 1889

Mint of the United States,

Assay office

Philadelphia Oct. 6 1859

To the Director of the Mint.

The following is my report of the assays of Cent ingots, during the months of August and September last:

			Percent. of Nickel.				Percent. of Nickel.
Aug. 2	12 melts, Mint,	12.3		Aug. 19	24 boxes, Kens ⁿ	11.8	
3	16 " "	12.3		20	19 melts, Mint	12.1	
4	12 " "	12.8		22	21 " "	12.1	
5	10 " "	12.5		23	13 " "	12.0	
8	12 " "	12.6		24	11 " "	12.1	
"	24 boxes, Kensington	12.1		25	17 " "	12.4	
10	27 melts, Mint	12.5		26	24 " "	12.2	
11	16 " "	12.5		27	28 " "	12.0	
12	12 " "	12.3		29	29 " "	12.1	
13	12 " "	12.6		27	38 boxes, Kens ⁿ	12.7	
"	24 boxes, Kens ⁿ	12.0		30	21 melts, Mint	11.8	
16	24 melts, Mint	12.3		31	27 " "	12.0	
17	17 " "	12.2		The August melts include Nos. 3624 to 4042.			
18	19 " "	12.3					
19	21 " "	12.2					

(over)

			Percent. of Nickel.				Percent. of Nickel.
Sept. 1	29	melts, mint	12.1	Sept 16	29	melts, mint	12.2
2	29	" "	12.6	17	24	" "	12.3
3	25	" "	12.4	"	28	boxes, Kensen	12.6
"	28	boxes, Kensen	13.1	19	29	melts, mint	12.3
5	18	melts, mint	12.4	20	30	" "	12.3
6	12	" "	12.3	21	28	" "	12.6
7	17	" "	12.2	22	29	" "	12.7
8	24	" "	12.6	23	27	" "	12.2
9	25	" "	12.7	24	29	" "	12.5
10	22	" "	12.7	"	22	boxes, Kensen	12.5
"	23	boxes, Kensen	13.0	26	26	melts, mint	12.5
12	22	melts, mint	12.9	27	12	" "	12.7
13	16	" "	12.7	28	28	" "	12.5
14	29	" "	12.8	29	26	" "	12.3
15	29	" "	12.3	30	26	" "	12.3

The Sept^r melts include nos. 4043 to 4672.

J. P. Eckfeldt Assayer

Assay Office, U.S. Mint
Oct 6. 1859

Hon. J.R. Snowden
Director of the
Sir

Agreeably to the regulations
in the case, I have to report a proper attention
to duty, on the part of persons employed in this
department of the Mint, during the months of
August and September.

Respectfully, your
ob't. servt.

J. R. Eckfeldt

Assayer

Report Assayer

August & September

1889

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia January 11/1860

To the Director of the Mint

The following is my report of assays of cent ingots, for the months of November & December last.

			Percent. Nickel				Percent. Nickel
Nov. 1	14	melts, mint	11.8	Nov. 16	29	melts, mint	12.0
2	4	" "	11.6	17	25	" "	11.7
"	15	" "	11.8	18	22	" "	12.5
3	22	" "	11.9	19	23	boxes, Kears	12.0
4	28	" "	11.8	"	23	melts, mint	12.4
5	18	boxes, Kears	11.1	21	17	" "	12.5
"	34	melts, mint	12.2	22	8	" "	12.5
7	13	" "	12.0	23	20	" "	12.1
8	22	" "	11.9	24	26	" "	12.2
9	11	" "	12.0	26	26	" "	12.2
10	24	" "	11.7	"	24	boxes, Kears	11.9
11	17	" "	12.2	28	51	melts, mint	12.2
12	25	" "	12.5	30	29	" "	12.0
"	17	boxes, Kears	11.8				
14	20	melts, mint	12.5				

			Percent nickel				Percent nickel
Dec 1	27	melts, mint	12.0	Dec 16	20	melts, mint	11.8
2	21	" "	12.0	17	28	" "	12.0
3	32	" "	11.8	"	22	boxes, Kensu	12.6
"	28	boxes, Kensu	11.9	19	29	melts, mint	12.0
5	29	melts, mint	11.8	20	14	" "	12.3
6	14	" "	12.0	21	28	" "	12.5
7	26	" "	12.0	22	29	" "	12.5
8	28	" "	11.9	23	24	" "	12.2
9	29	" "	11.9	24	29	" "	11.8
10	28	" "	11.9	"	29	boxes, Kensu	12.3
"	32	boxes, Kensu	12.2	27	29	melts, mint	12.1
12	29	melts, mint	12.1	29	22	" "	12.4
13	22	" "	11.9	30	29	" "	12.3
14	29	" "	12.2	31	28	" "	11.8
15	20	" "	12.2	"	24	boxes, Kensu	12.9
				30	29	melts, mint	12.2
				31	14	" "	12.0

The foregoing reports are from No. 5269 to 6479.

J. R. Eckfeldt
Assayer.

Assay office, U.S. Mint
Jan'y 11. 1860

Hon. J.P. Snowden

Director of the

Sir

Agreeably to the regulation
in the case, I have to report a proper attention
to duty, on the part of persons employed in this
Department of the Mint, during the months
of November and December last.

Very respectfully
your obt. servt.

J. R. Eckfeldt Assayer

December

1869

Assay of lead
Ingot & Mr
Report.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia Aug^t. 16 1859

To the Director of the Mint.

Report of Assays of Cent Ingots, for the month of July.

July	Percent. of Nickel.	July	Percent. of Nickel.
1 Mint melts, 3050-71	12.3	19. Mint melts 3362-83	12.7
2 " 3072-99	12.4	" 22 boxes, Kensington	12.2
" 24 boxes, Kensington	13.	20 Mint melts 3384-90	12.9
6 Mint melts 3101-28	12.5	21 " 3391-3411	12.8
7 " 3129-42	12.3	22 " 3412-25	12.6
8 " 3143-71	12.6	23 " 3426-54	12.6
9 " 3172-92	12.2	24 " 3455-81	12.4
11 " 3193-3221	12.5	26 " 3482-3503	12.2
" 24 boxes, Kensington	13.1	" 26 boxes Kensington	12.3
12 Mint melts 3222-43	12.4	27 Mint m. 3504-31	12.7
13 " 3244-72	12.7	28 " 3532-60	12.8
14 " 3273-3301	12.6	29 " 3561-81	12.6
15 " 3302-11	12.8	30 " 3582-3602	12.5
16 " 3312-32	12.8	" 24 boxes Kensington	12.2
17 " 3333-61	12.7		

J. R. Eckfeldt
Assayer

(over)

Assay Office, Augt. 16. 1859

Hon. J. R. Snowden

Director &c. &c

Sir

Agreeably to regulations
in the case, I have to report a proper attention
to duty, on the part of persons employed
in this department of the Mint, during
the month of July.

I am very respectfully
Your obt. servt.
J. R. Eckfeldt
Assayer

Report of
Assayer
for Aug 1859-

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia July 13 1859

To the Director of the Mint

The following is my report of assays of
Cent ingots during the month of June.

Per cent of
Nickel.

June 1	Mint melts	2403-30	12.7
2	"	2431-59	12.9
3	"	2460-88	12.7
4	"	2489-2517	12.7
5	"	2518-45	12.6
"	22 Boxes from Kensington		12.7
8	Mint melts	2546-79	12.6
10	"	2580-2629	12.6
11	"	2630-57	12.4
12	"	2658-86	12.6
14	"	2687-2708	12.6
15	"	2709-29	12.7
16	"	2730-58	12.7
17	"	2759-87	12.8
18	"	2788-2812	12.2
"	29 Boxes from Kensington		12.7

June 19	Mint melts	2813-38	12. 1
21	"	2839-57	12. 6
22	"	2858-83	12. 4
23	"	2884-2911	12. 2
24	"	2912-28	12. 6
25	"	2929-54	12. 5
"	24 Boxes from Kensington		12. 5
26	Mint melts	2955-78	12. 4
28	"	2979-3000	12. 4
29	"	3001-28	12. 2
30	"	3029-49	12. 1

J. R. Eckfeldt
Assayer

Assay Office, July 13. 1859

Hon J.R. Snowden, Director &c &c
Sir

Agreeably to regulations
in the case, I have to report a proper
attention to duty, on the part of persons
employed in this department of the Mint,
during the month of June.

I Respectfully

your ob. servt
J.R. Eckfeldt
Assayer

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The Sayer

June 1857

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia April 7 1859

To the Director of the Mint.

The following is my report of assays
of the cent ingots, for the month of March.

Percent. nickel.

March 1.	Melts, 875 to 909, Mint	12.2
3.	" 910 " 951 "	12.2
5.	" 952 " 993 "	12.5
"	24 boxes from Kensington	12.2
8	Melts 994 to 1028, Mint	12.2
10	" 1029 " 1070 "	12.1
12	" 1071 " 1110 "	12.4
"	31 boxes from Kensington	12.4
15.	Melts, 1111 to 1145, Mint	12.3
17.	" 1146 " 1187 , "	12.2
19	" 1188 " 1222 "	12.3
"	27 boxes from Kensington	12.2
22.	Melts 1223, " 1254 , Mint	12.2
24.	" 1255 " 1296 "	12.5
26.	" 1297 " 1338 "	12.2

(over)

		Percent. nickel
Mar. 26.	30 boxes from Kensington	12.1
29.	melts 1339 to 1373, Mint	12.3
31	" 1374 " 1405 "	12.0

J. R. Eckfelen
Assayer

Assay office, April 7. 1859

Hon. J. R. Snowden, Director &c &c

Sir

Agreeably to regulations
in the case, I have to report a proper attention
to duty, on the part of persons employed in
this department of the Mint, during the month
of March.

Very respectfully
your obt. servt
J. R. Eckfelden
Assayer

Assays
Report
March 1889

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia June 4 1859

To the Director of the Mint.

The following is my report
of the assays of cent ingots, during the month of May.

		Percent. of Nickel.
May 2	35 boxes from Kensington	12.4
4	Mint melts, 1892-1926	12.0
6	Do. 1927-68	12.2
7	27 boxes from Kensington	12.3
8	Mint melts 1969-2010	12.4
11	Do. 2011-45	12.1
13	Do. 2046-87	12.3
14	26 boxes from Kensington	12.6
15	Mint melts 2088-2128	12.3
18	Do. 2129-60	12.5
20	Do. 2161-95	12.3
"	23 boxes from Kensington	12.7
22	Mint melts, 2196-2237	12.6
25	Do. 2238-72	12.5

(over)

Percent. of
Nickel

May 27	Mint melts,	2273 - 2322	12.8
28	Do.	2323 - 51	12.9
"	19 boxes from Kensington		12.7
29	Mint melts	2352 - 80	12.8
31	Do.	2381 - 2402	12.8

J. R. Eckfeldt
Assayer.

Assay Office, June 4. 1859

Hon. J. R. Snowden, Director &c &c
Sir

Agreeably to instructions
in the case, I have to report a proper attendance
to duty, on the part of persons employed in this
Department of the Mint, during the month
of May.

Very respectfully
your obt. serv^t
J. R. Eckfeldt
Assayer

Assays
Cent Ingot
Report
May 1889

Monthly Reports

Assayer

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Feby 2 1859

To the Director of the Mint.

The following is my report of assays of the cent ingots, during the month of January.

		Percent. of Nickel.
Jan. 1.	22 boxes, from Kensington	^{48.8} 12.1
4.	28 melts, Mint	12.2
7	39 " "	12.2
8	37 " "	11.9
11	35 " "	12.1
12	24 boxes, Kensington	12.2
13	42 melts, Mint	12.0
14	18 boxes, Kensington	12.3
15	42 melts, Mint	12.3
18	35 " "	12.1
20	42 " "	12.4
22	41 " "	12.1
"	24 boxes, Kensington	12.5
	(over,	17/20 7.2 (12.2

Percent. Nickel

Jan. 25	35 melts, Mint	11.7
27	42 " "	12.4
29	42 " "	12.1
"	26 boxes, Kensington	12.6

48.8

J. R. Eckel
Assayer

N.B. One day's work, Dec^r. 24, was accidentally omitted in last report; 24 melts, 12.1.

Assay office,
February 2. 1859

Hon J. R. Snowden

Sir,

Agreeably to regulations
in the case, I have to report a proper attendance
to duty, on the part of persons employed in
this Department of the Mint, during the
month of January.

Very respectfully
your obt. servt.
J. R. Eckfeldt
Assayer

Report
Weyer
January 1839

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Mar. 17 1859

To the Director of the Mint.

The following is my report of assays of cent ingots, for the month of February:

		Percent. Nickel.
Feb. 1.	Melts No 433 to 467, Mint	12.4
3	Do. 468 to 508 "	12.3
5	Do. 509 to 550 "	12.1
"	26 Boxes from Kensington	12.6
8	35 Melts, 551 to 585, Mint	12.0
10	Do. 586 to 624, "	12.0
12	Do. 625 to 660 "	12.5
"	24 boxes from Kensington	12.4
13	Melts 661 to 675, Mint	12.5
17	Do. 676 to 723 "	12.4
19	Do. 724 to 762 "	11.9
"	36 boxes from Kensington	11.5
22	Melts, 763 to 797, Mint	12.4
24	Do. 798 to 832, "	12.5

(over)

Percent. Nickel

Feb. 26	Melts No 833 to 874, Mint	12.3
"	27 Boxes from Kensington	12.1

J. R. Eckfelder

Assayer.

Assay Office, U.S. Mint
March 17. 1859

Hon. J.R. Snowden,

Director &c. &c.

Sir

Agreeably to instructions
in the case, I have to report a proper attendance
to duty, on the part of persons employed in this
Department of the Mint, during the month of
February.

Very respectfully
your obt. servt,

J. R. Eckfeldt

Assayer

Report
February 1894
A. Mayer

STATEMENT OF DEPOSITS AND COINAGE,

at the Mint of the United States and its Branches during the fiscal year ending June 30 1859

DEPOSITS.

	DESCRIPTION.	Mint of U. States, Phil'a.		Branch Mint, N. Orleans.		Branch Mint, San Fran'co.		Branch Mint, Dahlonega.		Branch Mint, Charlotte.		Assay Office, New York.		TOTAL.	
		Dollars.	Cts.	Dollars.	Cts.	Dollars.	Cts.	Dollars.	Cts.	Dollars.	Cts.	Dollars.	Cts.	Dollars.	Cts.
GOLD.	Foreign Coin, . . .	20.5 ¹ / ₁₀ 00		3949 ² / ₁₀ 65								102. ⁷ / ₁₀ 00		518.202 65	
	" Bullion, . . .	131.182 00		29.621 99								262.281 00		423.084 99	
	U. S. Coin, (O. S.) . .	2.400 00												2.400 00	
	" Bullion, . . .	2.418.83 ⁷ / ₁₀ 63		93.2 ¹ / ₁₀ 41		14.098 ³ / ₁₀ 14		65.0 ¹ / ₁₀ 24		205252 32	11. ⁷ / ₁₀ 38.694 25			28619.692 99	
	TOTAL GOLD, . . .	2.5 ¹ / ₁₀ 2.989 63		51 ⁷ / ₁₀ 822 05		14.098 ³ / ₁₀ 14		65.0 ¹ / ₁₀ 24		205252 32	12.103.680 25			29563380 63	
SILVER.	Deposited, (including Purchases	2.420932 29		2.803969 ¹ / ₁₀ 3		216.8 ¹ / ₁₀ 48						1.621.660 ¹ / ₁₀ 0		¹ / ₁₀ 063.442 20	
	U. S. Bullion, (Parted,) . .	23991 10		603 52		96.806 85						151.6 ¹ / ₁₀ 00		3 ¹ / ₁₀ 31.6 ¹ / ₁₀ 4 ¹ / ₁₀	
	TOTAL SILVER, . . .	2.44492339		2.8045 ¹ / ₁₀ 3 25		313. ¹ / ₁₀ 6 33						1. ¹ / ₁₀ 3.336 ¹ / ₁₀ 0		¹ / ₁₀ 336.096 ¹ / ₁₀	
	Total Gold & Silver	5.01 ¹ / ₁₀ 913 02		3322.395 30		14.412340 4 ¹ / ₁₀		65.0 ¹ / ₁₀ 24		205252 32	138 ¹ / ₁₀ 1.016 95			36.899.990 30	
	Less Deposits at the different institutions, &c. (U. S. Bullion)					\$ 1.406.135 84		Silver \$1.492. ⁷ / ₁₀ 58 ¹ / ₁₀ =						2.898.894 54	
	TOTAL, Deposits													34.001.095 ¹ / ₁₀ 6	

COINAGE.

	Denomination.	Mint of U. States, Phil'a.		Branch Mint, N. Orleans.		Branch Mint, San Fran'co.		Branch Mint, Dahlonega.		Branch Mint, Charlotte.		Assay Office, New York.		TOTAL.	
		Pieces.	Value.	Pieces.	Value.	Pieces.	Value.	Pieces.	Value.	Pieces.	Value.	Pieces.	Value.	Pieces.	Value.
GOLD.	Double-Eagles, . . .	98196	1.96392000	24500	490.000	689146	13.7828000							811836	16.236 ¹ / ₁₀ 00
	Eagles, . . .	3600	86.00000	4000	40.000		20.00000							14600	146.00000
	Half-Eagles, . . .	20 ¹ / ₁₀ 18	10359000				48.60000	11404	5 ¹ / ₁₀ 020	39500	1 ¹ / ₁₀			81342	406 ¹ / ₁₀ 00
	Three-Dollars, . . .	1524	34.5 ¹ / ₁₀ 00											83204	249 ¹ / ₁₀ 00
	Quarter-Eagles, . . .	56562	191.40500			800	20.00000	642	1.605					250065	250.06500
SILVER.	Dollars, . . .	131.8 ¹ / ₁₀ 3	231.8 ¹ / ₁₀ 3 00			1504	15.00000	693 ¹ / ₁₀	6.93 ¹ / ₁₀	5235	52.35			3295	13.044 ¹ / ₁₀ 1843
	Fine Bars, . . .	58	49.28659			16	198 ¹ / ₁₀ 168							5369	131.38 ¹ / ₁₀ 6 ¹ / ₁₀
	Unparted Bars, . . .														
	TOTAL GOLD, . . .	44 ¹ / ₁₀ 531	2.66064659	28500	530.000	¹ / ₁₀ 238 ¹ / ₁₀ 6	130062 ¹ / ₁₀ 168	19.003	65.582 00	44 ¹ / ₁₀ 53	202 ¹ / ₁₀ 35 00	3295	13.044 ¹ / ₁₀ 1843	1266940	30409953 ¹ / ₁₀
	Dollars, . . .	¹ / ₁₀ 3500	¹ / ₁₀ 3500 00	20000	20000 00	13000	13000 00							285500	285.500 00
SILVER.	Half-Dollars, . . .	2636000	1318.00000	4912000	2456.00000	463000	231.500 00							8011000	4005.500 00
	Quarter-Dollars, . . .	4996000	249.00000	544000	136.00000	1 ¹ / ₁₀ 2000	43.00000							5 ¹ / ₁₀ 1200	1.42800000
	Dimes, . . .	14 ¹ / ₁₀ 60000	14.600000	44000	44.00000	90000	9.00000							2290000	229.00000
	Half-Dimes, . . .	2840000	14.200000	106000	53.00000									3900000	19.500000
	Three-Cent Pieces, . . .	1380000	41.40000	3349964 ¹ / ₁₀	33.49964 ¹ / ₁₀	1 ¹ / ₁₀ 39.4698 ¹ / ₁₀								1.985	2 ¹ / ₁₀ 242403
COPPER.	TOTAL SILVER, . . .	13685580	3009.241 08 ¹ / ₁₀	32239964 ¹ / ₁₀	32.239964 ¹ / ₁₀	¹ / ₁₀ 40.01 ¹ / ₁₀ 3 ¹ / ₁₀	¹ / ₁₀ 9698 ¹ / ₁₀							1.985	2 ¹ / ₁₀ 242403
	Cents, . . .	30 ¹ / ₁₀ 60000	30 ¹ / ₁₀ 6000 00												
	Half-Cents, . . .														
	TOTAL COPPER, . . .	30 ¹ / ₁₀ 60000	30 ¹ / ₁₀ 6000 00												
	Total Gold, . . .	44 ¹ / ₁₀ 531	2.66064659	28500	530.00000	¹ / ₁₀ 238 ¹ / ₁₀ 6	130062 ¹ / ₁₀ 168	19.003	65.582 00	44 ¹ / ₁₀ 53	202 ¹ / ₁₀ 35 00	3295	13.044 ¹ / ₁₀ 1843	1266940	30409953 ¹ / ₁₀
RECAPITULATION.	" Silver, . . .	13685580	3009.241 08 ¹ / ₁₀	32239964 ¹ / ₁₀	32.239964 ¹ / ₁₀	¹ / ₁₀ 40.01 ¹ / ₁₀ 3 ¹ / ₁₀	¹ / ₁₀ 9698 ¹ / ₁₀							1.985	2 ¹ / ₁₀ 242403
	" Copper, . . .	30 ¹ / ₁₀ 60000	30 ¹ / ₁₀ 6000 00												
	TOTAL COINAGE, . . .	44833.111	59 ¹ / ₁₀ 688 ¹ / ₁₀ 6 ¹ / ₁₀	3184500	31.845000	¹ / ₁₀ 46383 ¹ / ₁₀	234241 30	19.003	65.582 00	44 ¹ / ₁₀ 53	202 ¹ / ₁₀ 35 00	5280	13.044 ¹ / ₁₀ 1843	3503223 ¹ / ₁₀	5055851 ¹ / ₁₀

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia

Annual Report

1859

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1859

Grease

Mint of the United States.
 Philadelphia November 5. 1857.

Sir,

I have the honor to present the following report of the operations of the Mint and its branches for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1857.

The amount of bullion received at the several minting establishments of the United States during the year was as follows: Gold, \$28,563,380.63; Silver, \$7,336,609.67. Total deposits \$35,899,990.30.

The coinage operations of the same period were as follows: Gold coins \$17,236,877; Fine gold bars, \$13,113,570.70; Silver coins, \$6,187,400; Silver bars, \$646,231.47; Cents, \$507,000. Total coinage, \$37,091,080.87; comprised in 53,500,522 pieces, or denominations, of coins.

The statistics above presented show the amount of bullion received and operated upon during the year, it includes however some re-deposits of bullion; for example, bars made at one institution are sometimes deposited at another for return in coins. Deducting these re-deposits the amount of the precious metals brought into the Mint and its branches during the year was \$34,001,095.76.

The operations were distributed among the several institutions as follows. At the Mint in Philadelphia. Gold deposits, \$2,572,989.63; Gold coins struck, \$2,611,860; fine gold bars, \$49,286.59; Silver deposits and purchases including amount received in exchange for cents of the new issue, \$2,444,923.39; Silver coins executed, \$2,999,900; Silver bars, \$7,342.05; Cents coined, \$507,000. Total deposits of gold and silver, \$5,017,913.02; Total coinage, \$5,976,557.67. The coinage was comprised in 44,893,111 pieces.

At the Branch mint at New Orleans, the deposits amounted to \$3,322,395.30, of which the sum of \$517,822.08 was in gold, and \$2,804,573.22 in silver. The coinage amounted to \$530,000 in gold coin; \$2,859,000 in silver coin, and \$334,996.47 in silver bars; total coinage \$3,753,996.47, composed in 7,184,500 pieces.

The Branch Mint at San Francisco received gold deposits to the amount of \$14,098,564.14, and silver the sum of \$313,776.33. The coinage operations were as follows: gold coin, \$13,886,400, fine gold bars, \$19,871.68; silver coin \$298,500; silver bars, \$29,469.57; total coinage \$14,234,241.55, composed in 1,463,893 pieces.

The deposits at the Branch Mint at Dahlonega amounted to \$65,072.24, the coinage \$65,552.00; the number of pieces struck was 19,003.

At the Branch Mint at Charlotte, the sum of \$205,252.24, was deposited for coinage; the coinage, composed in 44,735 pieces, amounted to \$202,735. The operations of this branch, as well as that at Dahlonega, are confined to gold.

The Assay Office at New York, received, during the year, the sum of \$12,103,680.25 in gold bullion, and \$1,773,336.70 in silver; the number of fine gold bars stamped at this office was 3,275; the aggregate value of \$13,044,718.43; silver bars, 1,900 of the value of \$1,773,336.70.

The amount of gold, the production of the mines of the United States, deposited during the year was \$27,213,557.15. The silver of domestic production was \$273,167.47; the principal proportion of which was derived from the gold deposits, being silver parted from native gold. The Colorado region has yielded us about \$2,000,000 in silver.

mines of North Carolina have produced \$23,000 of the same metal. The sources from whence these supplies of the precious metals were derived are more fully stated in the tables attached to this report.

Prior to the passage of the act of Feb. 21st 1857 a large portion of the circulation of silver coins consisted in the Spanish and Mexican fractions of the dollar. One of the objects of that law was to retire these coins from circulation. This ^{has} ^{been} in a great measure attained. They have ceased to circulate in most of the states of the Union and are rapidly disappearing from such distant parts of our country where they are tolerated. Our circulation is thus being rid of a foreign currency, which interferes with our own excellent system of decimal coinage, and accounts. It is to be hoped that this reform in our circulation will lead people to adopt the language of our system, and abandon terms which are absurd, and none can be ridiculous if they were not so common. I refer especially to the term "shilling" ~~which never had place in our coinage~~, and was variable as a term of account in different localities during our colonial existence. Since the passage of the act referred to the Mint has received and melted Spanish and Mexican fractions of a ~~sum of~~ the sum of \$546,305, was deposited for exchange for units of the new issues. For this latter purpose also we have received the copper coins of the former issues to the amount in value by tale of \$95,240.

The charge on gold coinage, and the profit on the coinage of silver, and of cents, amounted to over

~~\$235,000~~ This sum shows the amount

derived from the coinage operations of the Mint and its branches during the year.

The suggestion in my last two annual reports relative to the propriety of applying the coinage charge of the half of one per cent to fine bars made at the Mint and its branches and paid to depositors, has heretofore received your approval. I beg again to call your attention to the subject. The propriety of the measure is fully shown in your report on the Dues for the year 1856-7. If the charge referred to had been imposed during the last year it would have yielded a revenue to the government of \$50,000 without doing any injury to depositors. It is certainly, for obvious reasons, connected with the revenue as well as the currency of the country, inexpedient to make a distinction in favor of fine bars. In the report above cited you remark: "I concur with the Director of the Mint in the opinion that it is not good policy to impose this half per cent on all bullion coined for circulation and at the same time exempt from it bars ~~coined for exportation~~."

The gold dollar is a convenient and useful coin, and is well received particularly in such portions of the United States as have wisely excluded small bank notes from circulation. The first issues of this denomination were made in 1849. It was then supposed to be necessary to contract the diameter and by thus giving more body to the piece obtain a good impression in coining. But the property of tangibility suffered in consequence of this contraction, and hence the piece being of small size, was easily lost and became an object of dislike to a considerable portion of the people. In 1850 the experiments made were satisfactory on the point that the

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diameter of the piece might be enlarged
 and a good impression in the coinage ob-
 tained. Accordingly in 1854 the diameter
 of the dollar was increased the one-
 tenth of an inch. This enlargement has been, I
 believe everywhere regarded as a deci-
 ded improvement. But the circulation
 of the two pieces differing as they do, not only
 in size but in denier, is an inconvenience to the
 public. Again, the amount of the gold dollar
 coinage of both kinds issued is near seven
 millions. This amount seems to exceed the
 wants of the community. It is well known
 that in the states where paper bills of small
 denomination are legalized and current, the
 gold dollar, even of enlarged diameter, is
 scarcely welcome. This sentiment appears to be
 not confined to those interested in paper cir-
 culation but seems in some places to amount to
 a popular prejudice. This is not easily accoun-
 ted for, when the superior advantages of the
 gold dollar to the paper dollar are consid-
 ered, and when we read the accounts of
 the note holders themselves in a season of bank
 panic. But it cannot be denied that there
 are some indications of a popular wish to be
 relieved from a portion of these coins,
 as it is well known that in certain
 quarters exponents are resorted to to push
 them off as a redundancy or an annoyance.
 From these considerations I am induced to
 recommend the recall of the thick dollars
 with a view to their recoinage into other
 denominations. This expedient would
 suitably reduce the aggregate circulation of

that loss, and make room for a moderate annual continuance according to demand. The loss on the recoinage of these pieces would be about the half of one per cent, that being nearly the loss by wear as shown by the weighings of considerable parcels taken from circulation. The amount of that coinage issued from 1849 to 1858 was \$11,692,204. Few or none of these pieces have been exported, but a considerable number must have been lost, and some melted down by jewellers. Assuming at the utmost that 11,000,000 are extant, the loss on the recoinage of this amount would be \$55,000. The recoinage might with propriety be limited to such pieces as are now in, or may hereafter be received at the Treasury and Assistant Treasurers of the United States, and thus it would be gradually effected. The loss on the principal Mint by appropriating such portion of the profits on the cent coinage as may be required, and at the Branch Mints, (when cents are not coined,) a similar provision might be made from the gold coinage charge. If this recoinage should be authorized it seems proper that the loss in weight, where it arises from the ordinary circulation, should fall upon the government and not upon the individual owners of the coin. Pieces that are in any manner mutilated should not be received.

The statement in my last annual report as to the value of gold from Kansas, or "Plata Plata," was based upon a single deposit, which was

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the Mint. Most of the dies from which the medals ordered by Congress were struck are preserved at the Mint. But the medals of gold and silver which were prepared from them have nearly all disappeared. They are either lost, or melted or otherwise destroyed. A few of them having fallen into the hands of persons unconnected with the heroes to whom they were presented, have been brought to the Mint for coinage. It is proposed to multiply these memorials of our national history by striking copies from the dies which now belong to the government, and to supply them to such persons, associations or societies, as may apply for them. No appropriation will be required to accomplish this desirable object, as it is intended that the price of the medals shall cover the expense of striking them.

In compliance with the act of Congress of the 21st February, 1857, I present herewith the regular statement of the fineness, weight and value of foreign coins. It is similar to the one contained in my last annual report, with the addition however of three items of some interest. The first of these is the Canada coinage of silver commencing with the date 1858, and consisting of denominations somewhat similar to our own, namely, of five, ten and twenty cent pieces. But they do not in any other particular agree with our coinage; being of different weight, and of the British standard of fineness commonly called sterling. The twenty cent piece compared with the dime of the United States, is equal to 19.27 cents; but at the Mint price of purchasing silver with gold only 18.66 cents. The other two items are of the same nature. It is certainly to be regretted that the

English government in thus providing for a coinage of similar terms to our own did not make the values the same. This would have been a step in the direction of an international coinage, although of not much importance considering that since, in England and her Colonies as well as with us occupies a subordinated position to gold.

There are two items requiring some notice, are the "Groschen" or union dollar of Austria, and the same of Prussia. These pieces have been coined in conformity with the basis established by a very recent convention of all the states of Germany. This dollar, although differing in the standards of weight and fineness from the former German thaler or dollar, is of the same value; the variation of 71.7 cents in the case of the old coin, from 72 cents in the new is mainly due to the worn condition of the former. It is very interesting to observe that the German states have ~~used~~ ^{adopted} the pound and mark weight of various and discrepant sizes heretofore in use, and adopted a new pound or pound, identical with the half Kilogram, or 500 grammes of the French system; and on the new coins of Austria and Prussia we have the legend "thirty to the pound of fine"; meaning a half Kilogram of fine silver to thirty pieces. The standard of fineness 900 thousandths, or nine tenths, is the same as our own. It is worthy of note that there is a tendency towards the adoption of a uniform fineness in the coinage of the different countries of Europe and America. At this moment the ~~coinage~~ ^{coinage} is employed wholly, or partially, in the following countries: Austria, Belgium, Chili, France, German states,

Greece, Mexico, New Granada, Peru, Russia, Rome, Sardinia, Spain, Switzerland, and the United States. If England and Russia were to adopt the same fineness there would be a uniform standard in all the principal nations of the world, and hence the coins of each country would be of equal value if of equal weight, or of a difference in value in proportion to their weight. This is as far as I apprehend as it will be found judicious to carry into effect the suggestion of an international coinage which has been attracting the attention of statesmen and men of science in our country and abroad. But it is believed to be practicable to establish a uniform system of weights and measures based upon scientific and immutable principles. Such a system is undoubtedly to be found in the French metrology; and we find that it is gradually extending itself on the Continent of Europe, as we have seen in noticing the recent coinage of Austria and Prussia. The adoption of a similar system by us, to supplant the innumerable arbitrary measurements which now prevail, is an object greatly to be desired, and is well worthy the attention of the Government and of Congress.

The tabular statements attached to this report are as follows. A. The deposits and coinage at the Mint and its branches, and the Assay office during the year ending June 30, 1852. B. Statement of the amount of gold at the mint.

states from their respective organizations to the 30th June 1857 - numbered from 1 to 7 inclusive. D. The entire deposits of domestic gold at these institutions for the same period, numbered from 1 to 7 inclusive. E. A statement of the production of domestic silver from the 1st of January 1841 to the close of the last fiscal year. F. The amount of silver of less denomination than one dollar coined since the passage of the act of February 21. 1853, reducing the weight of such coins. G. The amount and denomination of fractions of the Spanish and Mexican dollar and the cents of former issues deposited at the Mint at Philadelphia for the new cent. H. A statement of the amount of fractions of the Spanish and Mexican dollar purchased for silver coinage since the passage of the act of February 1. 1857 entitled "an act relating to foreign coins, and to the coinage of cents at the Mint of the United States". I. A statement of the weight, fineness and value of foreign gold coins. J. A similar statement of the weight, fineness and value of foreign silver coins.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

 James B. Knowlton
Director of the Mint.

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Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington City.

Coinage of the Union and branches from their organization to the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1869.
 1. Union of the United States at Philadelphia.

Period

Local Coinage.

Double Eagle Eagle Half Eagle Three Dollars Quarter Eagle Dollars Five Dollars

Period	Double Eagle	Eagle	Half Eagle	Three Dollars	Quarter Eagle	Dollars	Five Dollars
1793 to 1807	-	132,572	345,909	-	22,197	-	-
1810 to 1817	-	-	3,087,925	-	879,903	-	-
1820 to 1827	-	1,227,757	3,269,921	-	345,526	-	-
1828	-	145,034	260,775	-	8,886	-	-
1849	-	633,618	133,070	-	23,294	183,567	-
1850	1,170,261	291,251	64,491	-	252,923	454,953	-
1851	2,037,155	176,325	377,535	-	1,372,745	3,317,671	-
1852	2,053,026	263,106	573,901	-	1,159,081	2,045,351	-
1853	1,261,326	201,253	305,770	-	1,404,668	4,074,051	\$15,535,997.94
1854	757,399	59,252	160,676	138,618	396,255	1,634,445	17,643,270.55
1855	364,666	121,701	117,498	50,535	233,430	753,269	16,299,104
1856	329,575	60,490	147,990	26,010	389,240	1,762,936	30,412,12
1857	95,316	2,906	6,115	7,832	106,722	575,356	36,161,65
1858	465,504	13,690	32,633	13,004	113,097	205,724	21,055,10
1859	95,196	5,100	20,715	11,624	76,562	231,573	4,256,39
Total	3,539,226	3,053,233	9,517,446	247,398	6,952,155	15,789,176	\$33,632,815.15

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Coinage of the Mint and Branches - Continued.
Mint of the United States at Philadelphia - Continued.
Silver Coinage

Period	Dollars Piec.	Half Dollars Piec.	Quarter Dollars Piec.	Dimes Piec.	Half Dimes Piec.	Three Cents Piec.	Paid Value
1790 to 1817	1,439,517	12,104,433	650,280	1,007,181	265,543	-	-
1818 to 1837	1,000	74,792,860	5,241,749	11,854,949	14,463,700	-	-
1838 to 1847	879,873	20,203,833	4,952,073	11,387,995	11,093,235	-	-
1848	15,000	330,000	146,000	451,600	665,000	-	-
1849	62,600	1,252,000	340,000	829,000	1,309,000	-	-
1850	7,500	227,000	190,000	1,931,500	985,000	-	-
1851	1,800	200,700	160,000	1,026,500	781,000	5,447,000	-
1852	1,100	77,130	172,000	1,533,500	1,000,510	18,663,500	-
1853	46,110	3,532,705	10,264,220	12,173,010	13,345,020	11,400,000	-
1854	33,140	2,932,000	12,380,000	4,470,000	5,740,000	671,000	-
1855	26,070	787,500	2,857,000	2,078,000	1,750,000	129,000	-
1856	63,510	938,000	7,264,000	5,780,000	4,580,000	1,455,000	\$31,025.09
1857	94,000	142,000	2,304,000	4,890,000	3,940,000	-	1,327.45
1858	-	4,028,000	10,000,000	640,000	4,000,000	1,266,000	843.37
1859	73,500	2,636,110	4,996,000	1,700,000	2,840,000	1,380,000	9,041.05
Total	2,744,140	125,456,414	67,312,182	61,872,105	67,080,998	40,424,900	\$42,240.00

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Coinage of the Mint and Branches. - Continued.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia. - Continued.

Mint	Hopper Coinage		Total Coinage			
	Cents	Half Cents	No. of Pieces	Value of Gold	Value of Silver	Value of Copper
1790 to 1817	19,014,272	5,235,513	52,019,407	\$5,610,957.00	\$5,255,295.77	\$19,040.25
1818 to 1837	15,84,936	2,205,200	18,050,200	17,639,852.53	40,566,817.15	476,874.90
1838 to 1847	24,967,663	-	24,967,663	29,491,010.00	12,913,019.01	249,676.63
1848	6,415,799	-	6,415,799	2,754,960.00	420,350.00	6,415,799
1849	4,175,500	27,564	4,203,064	7,948,332.00	922,950.00	4,175,500
1850	4,426,844	27,812	4,454,656	27,766,445.58	409,600.00	4,426,844
1851	9,939,707	147,672	10,087,379	52,143,446.00	446,797.00	9,939,707
1852	5,662,894	-	5,662,894	51,505,605.50	347,410.00	5,662,894
1853	6,641,131	121,694	6,762,825	52,141,618.94	7,862,671.00	6,641,131
1854	4,226,136	55,303	4,281,439	57,673,069.55	6,372,270.00	4,226,136
1855	1,874,929	56,000	1,930,929	10,610,762.14	1,419,470.00	1,874,929
1856	2,690,463	40,400	2,730,863	11,074,355.12	3,245,200.00	2,690,463
1857	6,323,456	36,100	6,359,556	3,245,200.00	1,429,387.00	6,323,456
1858	23,400,000	-	23,400,000	10,221,876.00	4,971,222.07	23,400,000
1859	30,700,011	-	30,700,011	2,660,646.57	3,009,240.50	30,700,011
Total	216,355,744	7,105,223	223,460,967	\$22,574,347.65	\$93,014,407.77	\$2,203,912.55

Accounts of the Mint and Branches. - Continued.

2. Branch Mint - San Francisco.

Gold Coinage.

Period	Double Eagle	Eagle	Half Eagle	Three Dollars	Quarter Eagle	Dollars	Unexported bars	Fin. Bars
	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value
1864	141,465	128,820	200	-	46	14,602	\$1,014,000	\$1,760,16
1865	857,376	9,000	61,000	8,600	-	-	3,270,844.98	887,823.50
1866	1,181,750	70,000	94,100	34,500	71,120	24,600	8,097,000.89	122,100.55
1867	664,600	10,000	47,000	5,000	20,000	-	-	-
1868	885,940	27,000	58,000	9,000	49,200	20,000	816,295.05	-
1869	687,140	2,000	9,720	-	8,000	15,000	-	19,372.65
Total	4,061,973	246,126	270,680	53,100	140,866	74,202	\$12,770,845.92	\$2,000,003.59

Silver Coinage.

Period	Dollars	Half Dollars	Quarter Dollars	Three Cents	Twenty Cents	Five Cents	Gold	Silver	Specie
	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value
1864	-	-	-	-	-	-	292,712	\$9,701,072.50	\$9,701,072.50
1865	-	181,980	\$12,400	-	-	-	1,471,272.20	16,072,000	22,121,752.0
1866	-	211,000	26,000	-	-	\$23,609.45	1,477,009	29,000,000	29,000,000
1867	-	86,000	28,000	-	-	-	900,000	12,490,000.00	12,490,000.00
1868	-	219,000	63,000	30,000	-	19,752,261	1,362,025	19,270,000	19,270,000
1869	18,000	402,000	172,000	90,000	-	21,469,57	1,402,090	13,900,000	13,900,000
Total	18,000	1,099,980	901,400	120,000	-	\$72,331.95	7,357,900	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000

Coinage of the Mint & Branches - Continued.

2. Branch Mint, New Orleans.

Gold Coinage.

Period	Double Eagle. Pieces	Eagle. Pieces	Half Eagle. Pieces	Three & Two Dollars. Pieces	Quarter Eagle. Pieces	Dollars. Pieces
1835 to 1847	-	1,026,342	719,928	-	350,528	-
1848	-	35,850	-	-	-	-
1849	-	28,900	-	-	-	215,000
1850	141,000	37,500	-	-	84,000	14,000
1851	315,000	268,077	21,000	-	148,000	290,000
1852	190,000	18,000	-	-	140,000	140,000
1853	71,000	51,000	-	-	-	290,000
1854	3,252	32,500	26,000	24,000	138,000	-
1855	3,000	18,000	11,100	-	-	35,000
1856	2,250	14,500	10,000	-	27,100	-
1857	-	-	-	-	-	-
1858	47,510	21,500	13,000	-	39,000	-
1859	24,500	4,000	-	-	-	-
Total	962,500	1,566,092	831,028	24,000	1,130,628	1,004,000

Coinage of the Mint and Branches - Continued
3. Branch Mint, New Orleans - Continued

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Silver Coinage

Total Coinage

	Dollars Bullion	Half Dollars Bullion	Quarter Dollars Bullion	One Cent Bullion	Half Cent Bullion	One Cent Bullion	Half Cent Bullion	Bar Bullion	Half of Piece	Value of Gold	Value of Silver	Total Value
1847	69,000	12,807,000	3,272,600	6,473,500	2,797,000	-	-	-	25,590,815	15,707,307.00	19,407,700.00	44,907,000.00
1848	-	2,190,000	-	-	600,000	-	-	-	3,815,950	305,000.00	1,600,000.00	1,978,000.00
1849	-	2,310,000	-	300,000	140,000	-	-	-	2,950,000	484,000.00	1,100,000.00	1,606,000.00
1850	40,000	2,166,000	412,000	810,000	870,000	-	-	-	4,404,500	2,619,000.00	1,450,000.00	2,078,500.00
1851	-	462,000	55,000	400,000	510,000	720,000	-	-	3,527,000	9,795,000.00	807,000.00	19,122,000.00
1852	-	144,000	96,000	400,000	260,000	-	-	-	1,419,000	4,470,000.00	100,000.00	4,622,000.00
1853	-	1,228,000	2,332,000	2,100,000	2,000,000	-	-	-	6,532,000	2,220,000.00	1,220,000.00	8,492,000.00
1854	-	5,240,000	1,454,000	2,770,000	1,560,000	-	-	-	10,332,700	1,274,000.00	2,240,000.00	14,820,300.00
1855	-	2,655,000	176,000	-	600,000	-	-	-	4,556,000	450,000.00	1,900,000.00	2,356,000.00
1856	-	2,618,000	968,000	1,850,000	1,100,000	-	-	-	5,982,000	292,700.00	1,740,000.00	2,026,700.00
1857	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1858	-	4,614,000	1,416,000	1,540,000	2,510,000	-	-	-	10,226,000	1,315,000.00	2,940,000.00	14,277,000.00
1859	200,000	4,912,000	504,000	400,000	1,060,000	-	-	1,334,940.47	7,154,000	630,000.00	2,213,000.00	3,770,390.47
Total	299,000	44,114,000	9,789,000	14,140,500	14,537,000	720,000	1,334,940.47	57,330,300.47	57,330,300.47	40,905,000.00	27,412,400.00	125,647,700.47

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Coinage of the Mint and Branches. - Continued.

4. Branch Mint (incl. A. C.)

Period

	Gold Coinage				Total value \$
	Half Eagles Pieces	Quarter Eagles Pieces	Dollars Pieces	Total Pieces	
1839 to 1847	269,424	123,576	-	393,000	4,655,000.00
1848	64,472	16,755	-	81,227	364,330.00
1849	64,823	16,222	11,634	92,679	361,249.00
1850	63,591	9,195	6,906	79,792	317,791.00
1851	49,170	14,923	41,267	105,360	324,454.50
1852	72,574	9,772	9,434	91,780	346,734.00
1853	61,871	-	11,515	73,386	337,370.00
1854	39,253	7,295	-	46,548	204,652.50
1855	39,755	3,677	9,803	53,235	217,935.50
1856	28,457	7,913	-	36,370	162,067.50
1857	13,137	-	13,261	26,398	79,465.00
1858	31,066	9,066	-	40,132	177,970.00
1859	39,570	-	5,235	44,805	202,735.00
Total	840,862	212,363	109,134	1,162,359	\$4,244,354.50

Coinage of the Mint and Branches - Continued
 S. Branch Mint Dalton, Georgia.

Per Period

		Gold Coinage						Total Value	
		Half Eagle	Three Dollars	Double Eagle	Staters	Total Pieces			
		Pieces	Pieces	Pieces	Pieces	Pieces			
1807 to 1807		570	570.553	-	134.108	-	710.654	\$3,215,007.5	
1808	1808	47	47.465	-	10.771	-	61.236	249,752.5	
1809	1809	29	29.036	-	10.945	21.555	70.536	279,800.3	
1810	1810	43	43.753	-	12.145	9.552	64,450	249,582.0	
1811	1811	62	62.710	-	11.264	9.882	83,856	301,592.1	
1812	1812	71	71.458	-	4.075	6.360	101,890	393,915.1	
1813	1813	59	59.675	-	3.175	4.585	99,439	382,915.	
1814	1814	86	86.413	1.120	1.120	2,935	62,225	292,760.	
1815	1815	22	22.432	-	1.123	1.911	24,365	99,677.8	
1816	1816	17	17.796	-	5.74	1.460	22,120	80,576.	
1817	1817	5	5.470	-	1.464	1.846	8,330	30,900.	
1818	1818	17	17.256	-	900	1.657	21,793	80,015.	
1819	1819	11	11.404	-	642	6,957	19,003	70,635.5	
Total		1,050.460	1,050.605	1.120	1.120	69.491	1,352,464	\$5,991,600	

Coinage of the Mint and Branches - Continued.
S. Treas. Office, New York

<i>Year</i>	<i>Final Balance</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Final Balance</i>	<i>Total Value</i>
1854	322	\$2,355,059.15	-	-	322	\$2,355,059.15
1855	6,082	20,441,813.63	-	-	6,082	20,441,813.63
1856	4,777	19,402,809.52	52	\$6,792.63	4,779	19,402,809.52
1857	2,230	9,455,731.00	330	123,017.00	2,760	9,455,731.00
1858	7,162	31,970,632.53	644	171,981.79	7,846	31,970,632.53
1859	6,295	19,317,142.48	1955	57,242.05	5,250	19,317,142.48
<i>Total</i>	24,018	\$86,904,742.17	2481	\$174,495.47	27,757	\$87,479,238.64

Coinage of the Mint and Branches continued.

7. Summary Exhibit of the Coinage of the Mint to the close of the Year ending June 30, 1867.

Mints	Amount of Coinage	Gold Coinage	Silver Coinage	Copper Coinage	Entire Coinage
			Value	Struck	
Philadelphia	179.3	322,574,377.65	\$12,074,557.70	\$2,203,513.35	632,852,010
San Francisco	1834	109,577,186.71	87,048.93	-	7,387,964
New Orleans	1835	39,755,015.00	27,466,775.47	-	39,330,345
Charlotte	1835	4,844,361.00	-	-	1,162,364
Baltimore	1836	5,991,496.00	-	-	1,332,464
Army Office N.Y.	1837	86,904,743.17	874,495.47	-	27,759
Total		564,960,722.53	\$22,025,136.77	\$2,203,513.35	733,037,936
					609,189,674.9

Statement of gold of domestic production deposited at the Mint of the United States and its branches, to the close of the Year ending for

1. Mount of the United States, Philadelphia

Penia Virginia Mexicana Spinalgia Tennessee Alabama California Oregon Texas Arkansas

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Statement of year of domestic production deposited at the United States Mint and Bureau, continued
 on back of this San Francisco.

Year

1852

1853

1854

1855

1856

1857

Total

California

Total

\$10,842,281.23 / 10,842,281.23

20,860,987.20 20,860,437.20

29,219,218.24 29,209,218.24

12,526,826.93 12,526,526.93

19,509,869.89 19,104,369.89

14,098,864.14 14,098,524.14

\$106,641,697.73 / 106,641,697.73

Statement of Gold & Domestic Production deposited at the United States Mint and Branches. - continued.
 S. Branch Mint, New Orleans.

Period	California	Virginia	Georgia	Florida	Alabama	Mississippi	Other States	Total
1835 to 1847	\$ 741.00	\$14,500	\$37,364	\$1,772.00	\$ 61,903	-	\$3,513	\$119,699.00
1848		1,488	2,317	947.00	6,717	8,124.00	-	12,593.00
1849		428			4,062	667,921.00	2,753	677,189.00
1850					3,560	4,075,876.00	894	4,080,330.00
1851					1,040	8,769,482.00		8,770,722.00
1852						3,777,754.00		3,777,754.00
1853						2,006,570.00		2,006,570.00
1854						981,511.00		981,511.00
1855						411,517.24		411,517.24
1856						283,344.91		283,344.91
1857						129,328.39		129,328.39
1858						448,109.84		448,109.84
1859						93,272.41		93,272.41
1860								
Total	\$741.00	\$16,217	\$41,241	\$2,650.12	\$77,252	\$24,145,170.79	\$7,240	\$24,293,527.91

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements deposited at the United States Mint and Branches - Continued to
 4. Branch - Mint, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Period	North Carolina	South Carolina	California	Total
1835 to 1847	\$1,529,777.00	148,940.00	-	\$1,678,717.00
1848	369,076.00	11,710.00	-	380,786.00
1849	378,223.00	12,629.00	-	390,852.00
1850	307,289.00	13,000.00	-	320,289.00
1851	275,472.00	25,478.00	\$ 15,111.00	\$316,061.00
1852	337,604.00	64,934.00	28,862.00	431,399.00
1853	227,847.00	61,845.00	15,405.00	305,157.00
1854	188,277.00	19,000.00	6,328.00	213,605.00
1855	146,894.03	14,277.17	5,817.00	167,988.20
1856	157,335.18	-	16,207.25	173,542.43
1857	75,376.47	-	-	75,376.47
1858	170,560.33	5,807.12	-	176,367.45
1859	101,418.01	22,762.71	-	124,180.72
Total	\$4,396,209.62	\$394,965.04	\$37,321.01	\$4,828,595.67

Statement of gold of domestic production deposited at the United States Mint and Branches, - Continued.
 6. Assay Office, New York.

	Virginia	North Carolina	South Carolina	Georgia	Alabama	California	Kansas	Oregon	Idaho	Total
1854	\$ 167.00	\$ 2,916.00	\$ 395.00	\$ 1,242.00	-	\$ 9,221.45	7.00	-	-	\$ 9,227,177.00
1855	2,370.00	3,750.00	7,620.00	13,100.00	\$ 350.00	25,025,896.11	-	-	\$ 1,600.00	25,054,672.11
1856	6,925.00	805.07	4,052.29	41,101.28	233.62	16,829,008.90	-	-	-	16,842,129.16
1857	1,538.00	1,659.00	2,663.00	10,451.00	1,345.00	9,599,957.00	-	-	-	9,607,955.00
1858	501.00	7,007.00	6,354.00	12,951.00	2,151.00	19,660,531.46	-	-	-	\$ 5,551.00 27,522.00 19,722,629.96
1859	436.00	20,122.00	700.00	14,756.00	592.00	11,694,572.25	\$ 2,944.00	2,500.00	100.00	11,734,594.25
Total	\$ 11,933.00	\$ 37,297.07	\$ 21,704.29	\$ 93,601.28	\$ 4,902.62	\$ 92,151,722.72	\$ 2,944.00	\$ 2,447.00	\$ 29,522.00	\$ 92,240,151.95

Statement of amount of gold of domestic production deposited at the United States Mint and Branches - Continued.
 Summary Exhibit of the entire deposits of domestic gold at the United States Mint and Branches to June 30, 1859.

	Virginia	North Carolina	South Carolina	Georgia	Alabama	California	Kansas	Oregon	Idaho	Total
1854	\$ 1,513,562.00	\$ 4,424,930.00	\$ 40,467,000.00	\$ 1,242,000.00	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 9,221,450.00	7.00	-	-	\$ 23,000,000.00
1855	-	-	-	-	-	106,640,077.73	-	-	-	106,640,077.73
1856	-	700.00	16,257.00	41,200.00	2,912.12	77,500.00	-	-	-	22,192,072.79
1857	-	4,356,296.22	394,967.00	-	-	57,321.01	-	-	-	4,808,584.23
1858	-	95,257.00	307,172.00	4,302,000.00	42,107.00	49,600.00	-	-	-	4,808,584.23
1859	11,933.00	37,297.07	21,704.29	93,601.28	4,902.62	\$ 92,151,722.72	2,944.00	2,447.00	29,522.00	\$ 92,240,151.95
Total	\$ 1,525,495.00	\$ 4,462,227.07	\$ 40,801,704.29	\$ 1,285,601.28	\$ 354,902.62	\$ 92,253,744.72	\$ 2,951.00	\$ 2,454.00	\$ 29,551.00	\$ 92,341,078.95

Barrow

Statement of the Amount of Silver of domestic
production deposited at the Mint of the United
States and its Branches and the Assay Office,
New York, from January 1848, to June 30, 1859.

Year	U.S. Mint	Branches	Assay Office	Total
1848 to 1851	-	-	\$768,509.00	\$768,509.00
1852	-	-	404,494.00	404,494.00
1853	-	-	417,279.00	417,279.00
1854	-	-	328,199.00	328,199.00
1855	-	-	333,053.00	333,053.00
1856	-	-	321,905.38	321,905.38
1857	-	-	127,256.12	127,256.12
1858	-	\$15,623.00	300,849.36	316,472.36
1859	\$20,318	30,122.13	219,647.34	270,087.47
Total	\$20,318	\$45,745.13	\$3,221,225.20	\$3,290,368.33

Statement of Amount of Silver coined at the Mint of the
United States and the Branch Mints at San Francisco and
New Orleans under the Act of February 21, 1853.

Year	Mint of the U.S. at Philadelphia	Branch Mint at San Francisco	Branch Mint at New Orleans	Total
1853	\$7,517,161.00	-	\$1,137,000.00	\$8,654,161.00
1854	5,072,270.00	-	2,460,000.00	7,532,270.00
1855	1,419,170.00	\$164,075.00	1,918,000.00	3,501,245.00
1856	2,214,240.00	177,000.00	1,744,000.00	4,135,240.00
1857	1,427,000.00	50,000.00	-	1,477,000.00
1858	4,970,990.00	127,750.00	2,942,000.00	8,040,740.00
1859	2,999,900.00	298,300.00	2,887,000.00	6,185,200.00
Total	\$25,921,721.00	\$577,325.00	\$13,076,000.00	\$40,575,046.00

Statement of the Amount and denomination of fractions of the Spanish and Mexican dollar deposited at the Mint of the United States, for exchange for the new coin to June 30, 1857.

Year	Quarters	Eighths	Sixteenths	Value, total
1857	\$ 78.290	\$30.145	\$16.602	\$125.037
1858	68.644	64.472	32.081	165.201
1859	111.589	100.680	41.390	253.659
Total	\$258.523	\$195.300	\$90.073	\$543.900

Statement of Cents of former issue deposited at the Mint of the United States, for exchange for new coins to June 30, 1857.

Year	Value, total
1857	\$16,602
1858	31,404
1859	47,235
Total	\$95,241

Statement of the Amount of fractions of the Spanish and Mexican dollar purchased at the Mint of the United States, the Branch Mint at ~~San Francisco~~ assay office, New York, and paid for in silver coins, to June 30, 1857.

Year	Mint U. States, Phila.	Mint U. States, New Orleans	Assay office, New York	Total
1857	\$174,465	\$ 1,360	\$112,572	\$288,397
1858	326,033	17,365	197,463	540,861
1859	165,115	19,325	110,564	294,004
Total	\$665,613	\$38,050	\$420,599	\$1,124,262

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1859/ANNUAL REPORTS

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE / 1859 - ANNUAL REPORTS

Philad^a April 27th 1858
U.S. Br Mint New Orleans
To H. M. Merrick, Dr
For 4 doz Pairs Long heavy
acid gloves to order \$28.00. \$112.00
Box Copey & Postage 1.00
\$113.00

Rec^d of James Ross Snowden
Esq Director of the Mint pay-
ment of the above bill

H. M. Merrick

Mr Munnick

#113

Apr 27, 1859

ARAMINGO CHEMICAL WORKS.

Philadelphia, February 14 1859

United States Branch Mint, New Orleans.

Bought of **MORO PHILLIPS,**

No. 27 North Front Street,

MANUFACTURER OF

Oil of Vitriol, Aqua Fortis, Nitric and Muriatic Acids, Copperas, Blue Vitriol, Nitrate of Lead.

1 Simpfells Patent Fan Blower
Trayago

40 "
50

\$40.50

Repayment
Moro Phillips

131

Mrs Phillips

\$ 70.50

Feb 14. 1859

ARAMINGO CHEMICAL WORKS.

Philadelphia, *July 26* 185*8*.

United States Branch Mint, New Orleans.

Bought of **MORO PHILLIPS,**

Manufacturer of

Terms.

Oil of Vitrol, Aqua Fortis, Nitric and Muriatic Acids, Copperas, Blue Vitrol, Nitrate of Lead.

1 Carboy Chemical Pure Nitric Acid

140.131.137.156. = 564 lb w 26^c 146 64

1 Carboy at 1⁵⁰ 6 00

1 Caps for Do 12 1/2 50

\$ 153 14

Red Payment.
Moro Phillips

United States Branch Mint,

New Orleans, 23 June 1858

Wm Phillips Esq
Philadelphia
Sir

You will please forward
to this Branch Mint, Four Carboys Chemically
Pure Nitric Acid, Also Separate Bill
Lading therefor. The last shipment
of C. P. Nitric Acid made to this Branch
Mint, was included in a bill of Lading
for a lot shipped to the Melters & Refiners.
And on their receipt here, they not noticing
the special mark on the Carboys, inadvertently
used them, with the exception of one Carboy.

In order to prevent a similar occurrence
I recommend the forwarding a special
Bill Lading as above stated,

Very Respectfully
J. M. W. W. W.
J. M. W. W. W.

Shipped,

in good order and condition, by

in and upon the

whereof

in the Port of **PHILADELPHIA**, and bound for

Moro Phillips

called the

Amelia

is Master for this present voyage, and now lying

New Orleans



Sold by J. HOLLOWBUSH, 28 North Front Street.

*Four barrels Chemical Pure
Nitric acid on deck*

Branch Mint

New Orleans

Being marked and numbered as in the margin: to be delivered in the like good order and condition at the aforesaid Port

of

New Orleans

(The dangers of the Seas only excepted,) unto

Branch Mint

or to

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Assigns, he or they paying Freight for the

said Goods, at the rate of

Four dollars

with

3/0

primage and average accustomed.

In Witness Whereof

the Master or Purser of the said Vessel, hath affirmed to

4

Bills of Lading all of this tenor and date, one of which being accomplished, the others to stand void.

Dated at **PHILADELPHIA**, the

26th day of *July*

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J S Stetson

ARAMINGO CHEMICAL WORKS.

Philadelphia, February 24 1859

United States Branch Mint. New Orleans.

Bought of MORO PHILLIPS,

No. 27 North Front Street,

MANUFACTURER OF

Oil of Vitriol, Aqua Fortis, Nitric and Muriatic Acids, Copperas, Blue Vitriol, Nitrate of Lead.

4 Carboys Chemical Pure Nitric acid.

227.224, 218, 219. = 888 lbs at 26^c 23088

4 Carboys Hops

\$ 3 1/2 ea

1250

\$ 24338

Recd Payment
Moro Phillips

Philadelphia April 26 1859

U.S. Branch Mint at New Orleans

William Sellers
John Sellers Jr.

To William Sellers & Co. Dr.

Terms Cash Founders and Machinists.

Pennsylvania Avenue & 16th St.

Lat. of W^m Mason 34 South 3^d St. Phila

To One Hydraulic Press with 12 in Ram and
12 1/2 in lift with platform on top of Ram
and one four part brass box with oil reservoir
and double acting pump Complete

100000

" Insurance to New Orleans

1650 \$1016.50

Delaware Mutual Safety
Insurance Co. May 2/59

May 2^d 1859.

Recd payment of J. Ross Snowden Esq

Director
Wm Sellers & Co

51

Wm Sellers H^o

#1016.50

May 2, 1859

Duplicate

B. Muntzen

Oleum account

rendered June 2

1859.

United States Branch Mint,

New Orleans, April 10th 1859

Sir

The acid ordered from you on 19th Jan'y last, has been lost on the Helen Francis, by her shipwreck - You will therefore forward as early as possible four cartons chemically pure Nitric acid. The last, received from you is complained of by the Apayer - please let this be good - when furnished present your bill to the Director at Philadelphia with this order, and it will be paid -

Very respectfully

Wm A. Blinn
Supt

Moro Phelps Esq

Philadelphia

ARAMINGO CHEMICAL WORKS.

Philadelphia, May 23rd 1859

~~M~~ United States Branch Mint New Orleans.

Dr. MORO PHILLIPS, Dr.

No. 27 North Front Street,

MANUFACTURER OF

Oil of Vitriol, Aqua Fortis, Nitric and Muriatic Acids, Copperas, Blue Vitriol, Nitrate of Lead.

1 Carboy Chemically Pure Nitric Acid

184.182, 183.176, = 425 lbs @ 26^c 188 50

4 Carboys & Caps for do. @ \$3¹²/₂ 12 50

\$201

Rec'd Payment
Moro Phillips

161

Wm Phillips

\$201.00

May 28, 1859

Epiphany

Wm Phillips

1859

of the ...

1859

Statement of Receipts and Payments of Bullion
deposited by Assay Office, New York
Commencing Jan. 1859.

<u>Date Recd</u>	<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Bullion deposited & coined</u>	<u>Delay</u>	<u>Amount Recd</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
1859. Jan 4		Gold Bullion	2 days	53,404 88	
	1859. Jan. 6	" Coin			53,404 88
" 13		Silver Bullion		8,820 05	
	" 19	" Coin	6 "		8,820 05
" 22		Gold Bullion		26,579 51	
	" 25	" Coin	3 "		26,579 51
Feb. 4		Silver Bullion		18,978 53	
	Feb. 11	" Coin	7 "		18,978 53
" 19		" Bullion		26,994 03	
	" 23	" Coin	4 "		26,994 03
23		Gold Bullion		14,598 18	
	" 25	" Coin	2 "		14,598 18
Mar. 11		Silver Bullion		31,298 21	
	Mar. 17	" Coin	6 "		31,298 21
14		Gold Bullion		28,292 06	
	" 17	" Coin	3 "		28,292 06
22		Silver Bullion		30,388 71	
	" 24	" Coin	2 "		30,388 71
Apr. 4		" Bullion		26,267 44	
	Apr. 6	" Coin	2 "		26,267 44
" 11		" Bullion		20,097 12	
	19	" Coin	Dolls 13 "		20,097 12
22		" Bullion		15,070 33	
	26	" Coin	4 "		15,070 33
May 10		" Bullion		17,350 80	
	May 12	" Coin	2 "		17,350 80
25		" Bullion		23,174 69	
	27	" Coin	Dolls 2 "		23,174 69
30		Gold Bullion		42,983 63	
	June 11	" Coin	17 "		42,983 63
June 14		Silver Bullion		18,761 25	
	22	" Coin	8 "		18,000 00
	28	" do	14 "		2,761 25
				97	\$423,059 42
					\$423,059 42

<u>Date Rec'd</u>	<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>(Continued)</u>	<u>Delay</u>	<u>Am't Rec'd</u>	<u>Am't Paid</u>
1859. June 21		Silver Bullion	Dolls	4,846 62	
	1859. June 28	" Coin	7 days		4,846 62
July 11		" Bullion		25,812 76	
	July 15	" Coin	4 "		25,812 76
29		Gold Bullion		32,681 52	
	Aug 8	" Coin	3 "		32,681 52
Aug 3		Silver Bullion		18,756 46	
	5	" Coin	Dolls 2 "		18,756 46
26		Gold Bullion		11,283 19	
	Sep 19	" Coin	24 "		11,283 19
30		Silver Bullion		12,219 67	
	" 5	" Coin	1 "		12,219 67
Sep. 13		Gold Bullion		26,773 83	
	20	" Coin	7 "		26,773 83
15		Silver Bullion		22,306 59	
	Oct. 10	" Coin	Dolls 25 "		22,306 59
20		" Bullion		41,445 07	
	13	" Coin	Dolls 23 "		20,000 00
	18	" "	" 28 "		17,000 00
	24	" "	" 34 "		4,445 07
23		" Bullion		5,227 65	
	10	" Coin	Dolls 17 "		5,227 65
Oct 8		Gold Bullion		15,499 51	
	13	" Coin	5 "		15,499 51
11		" Bullion		32,177 39	
	17	" Coin	1 "		32,177 39
29		" Bullion		13,814 07	
	Nov 1	" Coin	3 "		13,814 07
Nov 2		Silver Bullion		24,079 10	
	11	" Coin	Dolls 9 "		24,079 10
2		Gold Bullion		25,041 13	
	11	" Coin	9 "		25,041 13
9		Silver Bullion		20,412 35	
	21	" Coin	Dolls 12 "		20,412 35
Dec. 2		Gold Bullion		42,121 60	
	Dec. 9	" Coin	7 "		42,121 60
14		Silver Bullion		23,662 07	
	19	" Coin	Dolls 5 "		23,662 07
			238	4400,16058	4400,16058

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<u>Date Recd</u>	<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>(Continued)</u>	<u>Delay</u>	<u>Am't Recd</u>	<u>Am't Paid</u>
1860. Jan 4		Gold Bullion		76,672 31	
	1860. Jan 13	" Coin	9 days		76,672 31
1		" Bullion		153,663 69	
	11	" Coin	5 "		153,663 69
11		" Bullion		19,780 35	
	11	" Coin	5 "		19,780 35
12		" Bullion		154,350 00	
	"	" Coin	4 "		100,000 00
	18	" do	1 "		54,350 00
19		" Bullion		198,912 40	
	20	" Coin	1 "		100,000 00
	21	" do	2 "		98,912 40
23		" Bullion		259,679 56	
	25	" Coin	2 "		100,000 00
	26	" do	3 "		90,000 00
	27	" do	4 "		25,000 00
	28	" do	5 "		44,679 56
Feb. 2		" Bullion	1 "	73,070 84	
	Feb. 3				73,070 84
Total page 3			47 "	\$936,129 15	\$936,129 15
" " 2			236 "	400,160 58	400,160 58
" " 1			97 "	423,059 42	423,059 42
			380	\$1,759,349 15	\$1,759,349 15

Note.

The number of days delay noted being 380,
and the number of remittances being 49
The average delay is $\left(\frac{380}{49}\right)$ days, or say $7\frac{3}{4}$ days
for the return of the deposits.

<u>Date Rec^d</u> 1869	<u>Date Paid</u> 1869	<u>Sum deposited & received</u>	<u>Delay</u>	<u>Amount Rec^d</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
Feb 4		Gold Bullion		\$238,944 39	
	Feb 7	" Coin	3 days		\$150,000 00
	" 8	" "	11 "		86,944 39
" 7		Silver Bullion		\$11,671 88	
	" 8	" Coin	1 "		11,671 88
" 7		Gold Bullion		\$103,524 02	
	" 9	" Coin	2 "		50,000 00
	" 10	" "	3 "		53,524 02
" 10		" Bullion		283,872 57	
	" 14	" Coin	4 "		200,000 00
	" 15	" "	5 "		83,872 57
" 14		" Bullion		206,065 34	
	" 17	" Coin	3 "		150,000 00
" 14	" 18	" "	4 "		56,065 34
" 14		Silver Bullion (not yet paid)		\$5,081 09	
" 15		Gold Bullion		192,811 60	
	" 18	" Coin			50,000 00
	" 20	" "			142,811 60
" 16		" Bullion		102,057 29	
	20	" Coin			40,000 00
	21	" "			62,057 29
" 21		" Bullion (not yet paid)		86,346 79	

29 days
9 remittance

3 1/4 days

Receipts & Returns
from & To.

N. V. Assay Office
commencing January, 1859

(Approximate)

Statement of Business at the United States Assay Office at
New-York, for the Month ending April 30th 1859

DEPOSITS OF GOLD:

Foreign Coins,

Foreign Bullion,

United States Bullion, (including Cal. Br. Mint Bars &

Dollars.

Cts.

Dollars.

Cts.

346 000 00

8.000 00

10.000 00

328.000 00

DEPOSITS and PURCHASES OF SILVER:

Foreign Coins,

Foreign Bullion,

United States Bullion, (contained in Gold,)

" " " (Old Coins,)

" " " (Lake Superior,)

31.000 00

28.000 00

4.000 00

1.000 00

60 000 00

TOTAL DEPOSITS: Payable in Bars,

" " " Coins,

336.000 00

74.000 00

410 000 00

350 174 64

GOLD BARS STAMPED:

Transmitted to U. S. Mint, Phil. for Coinage,

60 444 55

Approved
Monthly Report
Apr. 1859

RECEIVED
U.S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

REPORT OF THE
COMMISSIONER OF THE
LAND OFFICE

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Statement of the
Commissioner of the
Land Office

DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Private.

United States Assay Office, Wed. Eve⁸.
New York, Sept. 7, 1859.

Dear Sir,

I take great blame to myself for the delay in sending our report for the 2^d q^r. I may state in justification, however, that, ^{to be sure of their} ~~with the exception~~ ^{accuracy,} ~~of Mr. Edeline's~~, I am compelled to gather the materials of these reports with my own head & hands; a job so formidable that the temptation to "put it off to a convenient season" is very powerful. I have had two hours' extra labor this evening in consequence of a stupid blunder of our Bar-
clark in reporting to me the amt. of fine bars stamped. He gave me, & I reported to you, for the 1st quarter an amount of fine

bars too great by \$371,515.32.
To correct this, I have been
obliged, in the report now
sent for the 2^d gr., to omit
the bars stamped in April + part
of those in May, in order that
the aggregate for the year
as shown by the reports, shall
be correct.

Some further statements, by way
of report for the entire year,
shall be prepared & sent to
you without delay.

Mr. Butterworth arrived
from Europe last evening. It
seems hardly credible that
since you were here he could
have made the "grand tour".

He is in fine health & left
his family well, at Dresden.

Your tariff of charges was received
to-day, in time to prevent a
large influx of silver by way

of Anticipation. For the few
deposits made yesterday I
am clearly of opinion that
we must give fine bars, when
we can, at the old charge
of 1 cent per oz. gross. - I
referred the question to you
yesterday, not because I
had any doubt, but because
some here at the Office took
the ground that the new
tariff w^d. bear on deposits
not paid for at ~~the~~ time
it came into operation. It seems
to me that the only conditions
applicable to a deposit are the
regulations in force at the time
it is made.

Very respectfully,

Yours &c.

Geo. F. Denning.

Hon. J. R. Hawden.

From
Geo T Sumner Esq
New York

Explanation as
to delay in sending
reports. - Call
attention to error
in Quarterly report.
From J. R. Menden

Sept 10, 1839.

*Statement of Business at the U.S. Assay Office,
New York, for the 4th quarter of 1859.*

	October.		November.		December.		Total.	
	Doll.	cts.	Doll.	cts.	Doll.	cts.	Doll.	cts.
<u>Gold Deposits:</u>								
U.S. Bullion, { Virginia,	-	-	-	-	2,107	00	2,107	00
{ Nor. Car.,	-	-			2,383	00	2,383	00
{ Georgia,	-	-	370	00	1,623	00	1,993	00
{ Kansas,	35,715	00	48,284	00	39,852	00	123,851	00
{ Jeweler Bars &c	12,770	00	10,221	00	18,232	00	41,223	00
{ California	140,197	79	313,375	42	1,026,835	88	1,480,409	09
U.S. Coins (Old Standard,)	-	-	575	00	1,334	00	1,909	00
Foreign Coins,	9,836	00	7,703	00	10,452	00	27,991	00
Foreign Bullion,	4,421	00	12,129	00	14,481	00	31,031	00
Gold: Total,	202,939	79	392,657	42	1,117,299	88	1,712,897	09
<u>Silver Deposits:</u>								
U.S. Bullion, { Lake Superior Mines,	2,674	00	3,454	00	1,043	00	7,171	00
{ Nor. Carolina,	-	-	-	-	2,120	00	2,120	00
{ California, {parted from Gold.	2,569	89	4,400	11	10,577	60	17,547	60
Jewelers' Bars, Plate &c.	445	00	1,117	00	935	00	2,497	00
Foreign Bullion,	6,511	17	1,747	78	7,598	32	15,857	27
Foreign Coins (Various)	56,798	00	8,446	00	7,350	00	72,594	00
Do. (Small Span. & Mex.)	9,815	00	14,589	00	3,961	00	28,365	00
U.S. Coins (former issue)	4,900	00	992	00	541	00	6,433	00
Silver: Total,	83,713	06	34,745	89	34,125	92	152,584	87
Aggregate: Payable in Bars	184,813	87	351,958	81	617,264	07	1,154,036	75
Payable in Coin	101,838	98	75,444	50	534,161	73	711,445	21
Gold & Silver: Total	286,652	85	427,403	31	1,151,425	80	1,865,481	96
Gold Bars Stamped: No. 1230 @ 1820	100,505	43	243,070	03	918,763	26	1,262,338	72
Silver Bars Stamped: No. 1941 @ 2380	26,417	48	7,749	17	15,721	37	49,888	02
Fine Bars: Total,	126,922	91	250,819	20	934,484	63	1,312,226	74
U. S. Assay Office New York.								

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Statement of Business at the U.S. Assay Office, New York, for the 2^d quarter of 1859.

	April		May		June		Total	
Gold Deposits:	Doll.	cts.	Doll.	cts.	Doll.	cts.	Doll.	cts.
U.S. Bullion, { Virginia,	156	~	~	~	~	~	156	~
{ N. Car.,	2,088	~	1,536	~	1,762	~	5,386	~
{ Georgia,	141	~	~	~	3,435	~	3,576	~
{ Kansas,	614	~	218	~	2,932	~	3,764	~
{ 	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
{ California,	310,904	92	149,269	18	161,048	81	621,222	91
{ Jewelers' Bars, &c.	10,667	~	13,367	~	7,500	~	31,534	~
Foreign Bullion,	10,241	~	7,610	~	17,230	~	35,081	~
Foreign Coins,	5,744	~	5,417	~	20,419	~	31,580	~
Gold: Total,	340,555	92	177,417	18	214,326	81	732,299	91
Silver Deposits:								
U.S. Bullion, { Lake Supr.	~	~	3,539	~	404	~	3,943	~
{ N. Car.	3,036	~	3,636	~	2,076	~	8,748	~
{ Arizona	~	~	~	~	241	~	241	~
{ Cal ^a (from Gold,	3,372	~	2,440	~	2,353	~	8,165	~
Jewelers' Bars, Plate, &c.	3,076	~	2,855	~	2,121	~	8,052	~
U.S. Coins, (former issue)	1,094	~	640	~	1,920	~	3,654	~
Foreign Bullion,	28,493	~	2,637	~	2,526	~	33,656	~
Foreign Coins (Various)	17,586	30	11,396	40	12,788	13	41,770	83
Do. (Small Sp. & Mex.)	15,323	~	7,135	~	9,146	~	31,604	~
Silver: Total	71,980	30	34,278	40	33,575	13	139,833	83
Aggregate: Payable in Bars	326,053	24	160,199	11	193,933	77	680,186	12
" in Coin	86,482	98	51,496	47	53,968	17	191,947	62
Gold & Silver: Total,	412,536	22	211,695	58	247,901	94	872,133	74
Gold Bars Stamped: No. 634 @ 780	~	~	238,807	33	100,137	91	338,945	24
Silver Bars Stamped: No. 852 @ 1246	~	~	18,558	09	25,452	25	44,010	34
Fine Bars: Total,	~	~	257,365	42	125,590	16	382,955	58
U.S. Assay Office, New York, Sept. 7, 1859.	~	~	780 146		1256 414			

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Statement of Business at the United States Assay Office, New York, for the 3^d quarter of 1859.

		July.		August.		September.		Total.	
		Dolls.	cts.	Dolls.	cts.	Dolls.	cts.	Dolls.	cts.
<u>Gold Deposits:</u>									
	Virginia,	370	00	"	"	1,725	00	2,095	00
	Nor. Car.,	370	00	"	"	"	"	370	00
U. S. Bullion:	Georgia,	1,470	00	340	00	2,790	00	4,600	00
	Kansas,	1,650	00	17,100	00	17,790	00	36,540	00
	California,	128,030	75	183,212	16	142,756	99	453,999	90
	Jewelers' Bars,	11,500	00	7,180	00	8,990	00	497,604	90
Foreign Bullion,		7,140	00	3,220	00	16,710	00	27,070	00
Foreign Coins,		11,340	00	12,660	00	16,980	00	40,980	00
Gold: Total,		161,870	75	223,712	16	207,741	99	593,324	90
<u>Silver Deposits:</u>									
	Lake Supr.,	1,090	00	1,110	00	1,780	00	3,980	00
U. S. Bullion:	Nor. Car.,	1,180	00	"	"	"	"	1,180	00
	Arizona,	100	00	200	00	"	"	300	00
	Cal: (in Gold),	1,940	00	2,295	00	2,205	"	6,440	00
								11,900	00
Jewelers' Bars, Plate &c.,		3,900	00	3,370	00	1,340	"	8,610	00
Foreign Bullion,		5,700	00	6,860	00	2,415	"	14,975	00
Foreign Coins, (various),		18,341	97	19,545	35	15,391	68	53,279	00
Do. (Small Sp. + Mex.),		10,050	00	11,510	00	1,735	00	23,295	00
U. S. Coins, (former issue),		915	00	"	"	10,660	00	11,575	00
N.O. Br. Mint Bars,		800	00	"	"	13,270	00	14,070	00
Silver: Total,		44,016	97	44,890	35	48,796	68	137,704	00
<u>Aggregate:</u> Payable in Bars,		157,988	34	193,210	34	200,816	22	552,014	90
Payable in Coin		47,899	38	75,392	17	55,722	45	179,014	00
Gold + Silver: Total		205,887	72	268,602	51	256,538	67	731,028	90
Gold Bars Stamped: No. 781 @ 1229		296,795	69	180,984	73	217,228	77	695,009	19
Silver Bars Stamped " 1267 " 1940		18,886	26	15,053	32	38,407	77	72,347	35
Fine Bars: Total		315,681	95	196,038	05	255,636	54	767,356	54
U. S. Assay Office									
New York, Oct. 17, 1859.									

3^d Quarter
1839

*Statement of Business at the United States
Assay Office, for the First Quarter of 1859.*

	January.		February.		March.		Total.	
<u>Gold Deposits:</u>	Doll.	cts.	Doll.	cts.	Doll.	cts.	Doll.	cts.
U.S. Bullion, { N. Car.	750	00	1,340	00	310	00	2,400	00
{ S. Car.	—	—	700	—	—	—	700	—
{ Geo.	—	—	1,540	—	3,685	—	5,225	—
{ Oregon	356	—	—	—	—	—	356	—
{ Arizonia	—	—	—	—	405	—	405	—
{ Cal.	351,195	95	605,092	30	364,272	72	1,320,560	98
{ Jewelers' Bars, &c.	13,120	00	11,775	00	10,265	00	35,160	00
Foreign Bullion,	11,900	—	10,850	—	2,190	—	24,940	—
Foreign Coins,	3,950	—	4,335	—	4,985	—	13,270	—
Gold: Total	381,271	96	635,632	30	386,112	72	1,403,016	98
<u>Silver Deposits:</u>								
U.S. Bullion, { Lake Sup ^y ,	140	—	—	—	—	—	140	00
{ N. Car.,	630	—	1,750	—	720	—	3,100	00
{ Parted from Gold,	3,910	—	7,590	—	4,510	—	16,010	—
Jewelers' Bars, Plate &c.	2,360	—	2,225	—	1,170	—	5,755	—
U.S. Coins (former issue)	2,290	—	2,300	—	3,480	—	8,070	—
Foreign Bullion	—	—	8,975	—	1,510	—	10,485	—
Foreign Coins (various)	17,883	84	24,217	36	65,850	84	107,952	04
Do. (Small Sp. & Mex.)	2,030	—	2,580	—	15,720	—	20,330	—
Silver: Total,	29,243	84	49,637	36	92,960	84	171,842	04
<u>Aggregate:</u> Payable in Bars,	372,274	06	648,844	94	408,156	08	1,429,275	08
Payable in Coins,	38,241	74	36,424	72	70,917	48	145,583	94
Gold & Silver: Total	410,515	80	685,269	66	479,073	56	1,574,859	02
Gold Bars Stamped, No. 1 @ 633	922,961	81	598,009	40	763,467	46	2,284,438	67
Silver Bars Stamped - " 1 @ 858	21,839	38	35,432	35	54,041	24	111,312	97
Fine Bars: Total,	944,801	19	633,441	75	817,508	70	2,395,751	64
U.S. Assay Office								
New York, May 4 1859.								

Assay Office

1849
Quarter 1839

U. S. Assay Office,
New York, Sept. 12, 1859.

Sir,

The usual details of the business of this Office for the last fiscal year have already been presented to you in my quarterly reports, the last of which was sent to you on the 7th inst. I have now to submit a few additional statements.

The Ordinary expenses of the Office during the fiscal year have been as follows:

	1858 3 ^d quarter.	1858 4 th quarter.	1859 1 st quarter.	1859 2 ^d quarter.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Salaries	6,175 -	6,175 -	6,225 -	6,225 -	24,800 00
Wages	9,973 20	10,601 65	9,771 10	9,520 65	39,866 60
Inc. & Cont. Exps.	11,430 83	15,592 04	7,559 14	4,740 19	39,322 20
Total.	27,579 03	32,368 69	23,555 24	20,485 84	103,988 80

The deductions from deposits transferrable to the Treasury of the U.S. to credit of the Ordinary Ac. for the same period, were as follows:

For the 3^d quarter 1858 \$16,262.94
 4th " " 20,504.33
 1st " 1859 5,223.93
 2^d " " 2,948.82 = \$44,940.02

At the settlement of the accounts of the Melter & Refiner, December 31, 1858, no allowance for wastage was required either of gold or silver. Indeed the amount of bullion returned by him, as you have heretofore been apprised, exceeded the amount charged to him

In Gold ————— \$ 3,186.41

In Silver 131.85 \$ 3,318.26

During the year 1858, the amount of sweeps made by the Melter & Refiner of this Office was 128 bbls., weighing 45,074 lbs., and of the gross value of \$4,453.26, - equivalent to an average value of $9\frac{88}{100}$ cts. per lb. These sweeps were sold for the sum of \$2,877.54, - equal to an average price per lb. of $6\frac{38}{100}$ cents, & showing an average loss of $3\frac{1}{2}$ cts. per lb.

The several departments of the Assay Office are in effective condition, & the business of the year has been satisfactorily performed.

Very respectfully &c.

Wm. J. R. Snowden,

Director of the Mint.

Saml. D. Butterworth

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Annual Report
Army Office N.Y.
Supplementary

Year ending June
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Army Office
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Year ending
June 30, 1839

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New York, Decem 31 1859.

I Certify that The Treasurer of the United States
 Pay Office, New York.

has this day DEPOSITED to the CREDIT of the TREASURER of the United States,
 Two thousand, two hundred & seventy six, and 61

Dollars, on account of Appropriations for Incidental & Contingent
 Expenses; being deductions from Bullion deposits, to Sept.
 30th 1859. Available by law, for Ordinary expenditures.
 for which I have signed triplicate receipts.

\$2,276.61

Wm J. C. [Signature]
 Assistant Treasurer.

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New York Way Office
Deductions

December 1859

Approximate

Statement of Business at the United States Assay Office at
New-York, for the Month ending January 31st 1859

	Dollars.	Cts.	Dollars.	Cts.
DEPOSITS OF GOLD:			382-000-00	
Foreign Coins,	4000	00		
Foreign Bullion,	13,000	00		
United States Bullion, (including Cal. Br. Mint Bars \$	365,000	00		
DEPOSITS and PURCHASES OF SILVER:			30-000-00	
Foreign Coins,	23,380			
Foreign Bullion,				
United States Bullion, (contained in Gold,)	4,000	00		
" " " (Old Coins,)	2,500	00		
" " " (Lake Superior,)	120	00		
TOTAL DEPOSITS: Payable in Bars,	387,000	00		
" " " Coins,	25,000	00	412-000-00	
GOLD BARS STAMPED:			896-248-73	
Transmitted to U. S. Mint, Phil. for Coinage,			88-956-16	

U. S. Army Office
New York.

Approximate Statement
for January 1859.

Feb. 24, 1859.

Melter & Refiners'
Reports

~~11582~~ 1859

Office of Melter & Refiner

U. S. Mint, 1. Feb. 1859

Dear Sir

The operations in our Department of the Mint have been faithfully conducted during the past month. With the exception of absence of one or two from serious indisposition, the attendance has been good, much better than previous to the adoption of the system now pursued. I might be disposed to complain of the too frequent absence of some of the men for one day at a time on the plea, of indisposition, but I do not think it necessary at present. Should the evil increase, there is ~~a~~ a Remedy which I think will prove effective, viz. to deduct 25 per cent. for sickness. But I hope the health of the men will not require this Resort. A singular occurrence is worth noting; one of the men, S. B. McC. obtained leave of absence twice for half a day, & after each permit staid away the whole of the next day, on plea of indisposition. But the singularity of the fact accompanied by an unusual bloom of health induced us not to sign an excuse. We accordingly docked the whole of

two days' pay, & I have no doubt it will have a
useful effect in preventing the recurrence of ^a similar
phenomenon.

I regret the still further diminution of
Silver & Gold operations. Those of Cent melting are
actively conducted, seven furnaces being kept at
work, and producing about 7000 lbs. pr. week.

Very respectfully yours
J. R. Snowden, Esq.
Director U. S. Mint
Phila

J. C. Booth
M. R.

Report of M. V. Refiner:
For January 1899.

Feb. 27
1899.

Office of Melter & Refiner
United States Mint.

Phila 31. March, 1855

Dear Sir

I herewith respectfully report that during
the present month the following men have been absent
for time & reasons stated

<u>Names</u>	<u>Time Absent</u>	<u>Reasons</u>
John Lynch	1 hour	Business
Henry Riehle	1 day	Moving
Franklin Garrigues	1 day	Sickness of wife
Charles Heaton	2 days, 1 hour	Witness at Court
Christopher Watson	4 hours	Business at Navy Yard
John Kottis	2 days	Very sick
Richard Mc Donald	10 days	Injury to his Ribs.
Hugh McCaffrey	2 hours	Unwell
John Marks	1 day	Sick
Saml B. McCaken	4 days	Attending Court.
Thomas Simpson	8 hours	Business & Funeral &
Wm Barr	11 hours	Court attendance.
David Williams	3 hours	At church, as an officer.

Total absences 22 days + 6 hours

Averaging the absence of one man for nearly the whole month

On the whole the absences have been few, considering the number of men employed.

The whole number of hands employed in my Dept at present is 46, which I have distributed as follows for April.

	Foremen	Melters	Helpers	Total
Deposit melting	1	2	2	5
Gold & Silver Mltg	1	3	6	10
Cent melting	1	10	13	24
Refining & Cleaning	1		3	4
Watchmen, Office, &c			2	2
Total	4	15	27	46

With this force I can perform all the work that may be demanded. In the 7 cent furnaces we can melt about 3000 lb. pr. day, or more if required. Two silver furnaces are kept constantly at work, except when there is gold to melt, when one silver furnace will be stopped. I employ one of the Refiners part of the time in the office, where the business is heavy, instead of calling off hands from the melting force.

I have no complaint to make of the men, except perhaps the tendency to tease Richard McDonald, who attends well to his duties, when not improperly

interfered with. The complaint preferred against
him should rather fall on the one who made it.

Very truly yours
J^{as} C Booth
M. & R.

Hon. J. R. Snowden
Director U. S. Mint

M & R
Report
March
1859

Mint of the United States,
Melter & Refiner's department
Philadelphia May 31st 1869

To the Director of the Mint

The operations of this department, during the past month have not been characterized by any event requiring special notice, excepting the employment of the force, usually engaged in the gold, and silver-melting and sweep-washing rooms - in the cent-ingot melting room; which has been done in accordance with your directions, so that over one third more weight of cent metal is made per diem - The attendance of the workmen has been good - there having been no absences where special permission was not given by us, with your approval; excepting in cases of sickness, one of which - that of Thomas Rimpson, who was absent for eleven days, suffering from disease probably partially induced by the unwholesome character of the labor at which he is employed; another, that of John Loyer who was injured whilst at work;

and Bernard McIntire, who was sent from the
mint, being overcome by sickness whilst at work,
and who yet remains dangerously ill - In
these cases I would recommend a relaxation of
the rules requiring a reduction of wages, to be made
in their favor.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient
Wm James Ross Snowden
Director &
John H Taylor
Asst MMR

The recommendation respecting the allowance for
absence is approved,
J. R. C.

Report

Melter & Refiner

May 1889—

Mint of the United States,
MELTING & REFINING DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, 2 Aug. 1859

Dear Sir

The number of hands in this department consists of 53, the same as for several months past, and who are distributed as follows:

Deposit melting	5	Cent Melting	9
Refining	2	Annealing	2
Gold & Silver melting	11	Helpers to Melters	16
Sweep washing	2	Cleaning	2
Watchmen	2	Office	1
Office	<u>1</u>		<u> </u>
	23		30

Finding that we are diminishing our indebtedness for the Cent deposits, I have with your permission given a furlough of the 18th Ult. to a number of the men to recruit, and further a furlough of 8 days beginning with the 1st Inst. to 13 men. The number remaining is ample to execute a moderate amount of business, fully equal however to the present demand. If the business of the Mint permit, I propose extending the same privilege

to others, upon the return of the first party, to allow all that are desirous to recruit during the hot weather.

Excepting two or three sick absentees the attendance has been good during the past month. The whole number of absences has been 49, with a few partial absences, all which are as follows

	Absent in days	Absent in hours
W. Millard	2 business	
B. Jones	1 —do—	
W. Boon	1 —do—	
J. C. Garrigue	4 sickness	
C. F. Heaton	3 business	
R. H. Silfridge	1 —"—	
R. Lloyd	14 sickness	
M. Collins	12 —do—	
J. J. McLain	6 —do—	
J. McLaughlin	2 —do—	
B. Mc Intire	2 business	
S. B. McCahen		8 business
D. Williams	1 —do—	
	<u>49</u> days	<u>8</u> hours

Of the 49 days, 38 were for sickness, & 11 for business.

R. Lloyd is a help to S. Stringfield in melting the old cents & complains that he cannot work in the cellar. He appears

to be consumptive, & I am anxious to replace him
in the cellar. He was absent 14 days in July & 9 in June.
Since however the work in the cellar is the most undesirable,
I would suggest that one who is to replace Lloyd
should receive \$2.40 instead of \$2.20, only as long as
he stays in the cellar.

I have further to report that the new system of
mechanical fans to render the cent-melting room endurable
in hot weather will be finished in a few days & in operation.

Very truly yours

La C Booth

M & E

Hon. J. R. Snowden

Director U. S. Mint.

Report

Milton & Refiner

July 1854.

Chas. Lewis' Reports

1859

Chief Engineer's Office

June 30th 1889

To Hon^{ble} J Ross Snowden

Director

In presenting the accompanying return of absence and lateness for the month of June I desire to observe that an improvement in attendance is exhibited, and the workmen while present have been attentive to their duties. A very general desire seems to prevail among them, that you will consider favorably their request heretofore made that during the present warm weather the engines may be stopped at 4 O'clock instead of $\frac{1}{2}$ past 4 O'clock P.M., and I beg again to call your attention to the subject.

The Bent Riddle in the cellar newly erected is now in operation and is of material service in forwarding the work of the department. It has been placed in charge of Mr John Malguinis, who has heretofore paid strict attention to his duties. I would recommend that his compensation at present

\$ 2.20 be increased to \$ 2.30 which would place him on an equality with George Slaw & Henry Lawrence —

I submitted to you at the commencement of the present month Messrs A Denks & Son's estimate of cost of erecting a grinding machine. Before determining the matter you desired to see and ascertain of Mr Wm Sellers what sum he would require to build a machine suitable for the purpose of grinding our Rolls from the journals. We have now on hand two Rolls to be ground and sent some time since to Messrs A Denks & Son to have them ground. On this as on former occasions they have delayed sending for them, a considerable period and we are frequently inconvenienced by such delays

Very Respy

Geo T. Childs
Chief Engineer

Report
of
Chybonie
June 1889.

Return of Absence lateness & overtime in Corvino's Department for June 1859 —

Names of Workmen	Sickness	Private Business	Excuse						
Kensil-	4d								
Mouillé	1d	1d							
Mullen	3d								
Tully	2d								
Pickel		1d							
Strembeck	2d								
Batchelder	1d								
Bunker	1d								
DeLaney			1d						
Forman	2d.	8h							
Gunis-	4d.								
Kelly	1d.								
Leatherman	3d	5h							
McGuley	3d								
Mulholland	1d?	5h							
Gandy	1d								
McGrann		1d							
Tompson's	2d								
Shaeffer		1d							
Hackett			7d						
Quinn	1d								
Snyder	26d.								
	57d	5d8h	8d	Total 70 days					

Overtime

Lawrence	37h
McGuinnis	35h
Slaw	37h
O'Donohoe	38h

Return of Absence
Lateness & overtime
of workmen in Carvers
Department for
June 1859

Chief Clerks Office

May 31st 1859.

Dear Sir.

The accompanying return of absence for the month, compares favorably with the past months, and the work of the department has been performed satisfactorily. During the approaching warm weather, while the supply of work continues small, I beg to call your attention to the propriety of working up to 4 O'clock. The labor of the department would not be retarded if the engines were stopped at that hour, instead of half past four; as for a considerable period, the supply for each day has been finished at that hour, and the workmen sitting in their rooms, idle, waiting for the bell ring - The hands in the Melters & Refiners department leaving at 3 O'clock would be an additional reason for allowing the workmen in this department to leave at 4 O'clock, if their work should be finished at that hour, or so far finished as only to leave sufficient work for the following morning before additional Ingots are reported -

The work of erecting a drum in the cellar is progressing -

I have written to Messrs A Denks & Son asking an estimate of expense of construction of a grinding machine suitable for our purposes in the Rolling Room and have not yet received their reply.

Res^{ts}

Geo. F. Childs
Chief Clerk

Honble J Ross Snowden
Director

Monthly
Report Chief Comer
for May 1859

Return of absence, lateness, & overtime in Chiefbonier's
Department for May 1859

Names	Sickness	Private Business	attend a Funeral	No Excuse rendered				
Mouille	10							
Mullen	10							
Rowan	10							
Tully	60							
Wigmore		50						
Pickel	10							
Strembeck	10	2/10						
Batchelder	10							
Bunker	10							
Collins	20							
Forman	30							
Kelly	10		5/10					
Leatherman	60							
McGully	30							
Mulholland	20							
Snyder	260							
Thomas	20							
Kern		30	20					
Canby	10							
Tompkins	30			10				
Hackett				10				
Guy	60							
Slaw	80							
	760	82/10	25/10	20	87 days 7 hours			
<u>Overtime</u>								
Lawrence H	8/10							
McGuinnis	16/10							
Slaw	6/10							
Carregan	6/10							
Hutchinson	6/10							
Woodward	18/10							

Wastage in the Chief Coiner's Department of the Mint of the United States.

Gold		DESCRIPTION.	INGOTS.		WASTAGE.										TOTAL		RATE IN THOUS'S.
DATE of WORKING.	1859.		oz.	dec.	ROLLING and ANNEALING. oz. dec.	CUTTING and WASHING. oz. dec.	ADJUSTING, ASSORTING and MILLING. oz. dec.	CLEANING.		COINING.		WASTAGE.					
								oz.	dec.	oz.	dec.	oz.	dec.				
Jan'y.	19.	Double Half Eagles	44	14 50	0 23	0 67	0 05	0 08	0 00	0 57							
"	22	Gold Dollar	16	42 80	0 13	0 08	1 05	0 03	0 00	0 93							
"	"	Specimen Coin	30	1 20	0 04	0 01	0 03	0 03	0 00	0 03							
"	27	Gold Dollar	24	26 60	0 08	0 23	0 97	0 15	0 00	1 27							
Feb'y	3	Eagle	31	75 00	0 02	0 06	0 06	0 09	0 00	0 11							
"	4	2 1/2 Eagle	31	36 75	0 10	0 15	0 37	0 10	0 00	0 52							
"	14	"	27	82 95	0 03	0 17	0 66	0 07	0 00	0 59							
"	21	Three Dollar	27	00 30	0 06	0 00	0 78	0 05	0 00	0 77							
"	"	Gold Dollar	25	31 65	0 00	0 01	1 30	0 13	0 00	1 42							
"	28	"	29	72 50	0 32	0 24	* 2 98	0 15	0 00	3 05							
			3	26.08425											3	9 20	At 0.35

* Loss very heavy - Cause Unknown

Silver

1859

Jan'y 19 th	2 1/2 Dollars	74	732 700	20	40	6	650	2	750	27	000			16	000	
" 22 nd	"	68	254 100	16	40	6	450	0	750	23	950			13	250	
" "	Specimen coin	15	94 800	0	55	0	650	0	100	0	410			0	410	
" 27 th	Half Dollars	53	665 200	11	30	3	600	0	000	14	500			6	800	
Feb'y 3 rd	"	30	614 000	7	20	0	300	0	050	7	300			0	450	
" 9 th	2 1/2 Dollar	27	158 900	7	70	1	300	0	200	9	400			2	800	
" 17 th	"	43	334 700	9	60	4	500	0	500	13	950			8	350	
" 25 th	"	31	937 800	8	10	1	300	0	400	8	400			1	200	
		331.292	2000											49	260	At 0.15

Beside the loss at the Press in Jan'y 1859 of \$200.00 in 2 1/2 Dollars there has only been 1 piece lost at Press, a Quarter Dollar.
 The first loss of \$200.00 is being recovered by the forcing in of the coins from the manufacture of your instructions.

Coin's Report
Wastage
January & February
1859-

Chief Corniers Department

September 29th 1859

To Honble I Ross Snowden

Director -

I enclose the usual monthly return of absence, lateness & overtime -

Mr Wm Gilchrist absent 6 days reported himself sick and placed on file the enclosed certificate purporting to be from a practising physician. The certificate itself and other circumstances in relation to his absence induced inquiry into the genuineness of the certificate - After ascertaining that there was no such physician in Walnut Street above 10th and upon further inquiry of Wm Gilchrist I believe the certificate to be an imposition and an attempt to evade the Mint regulations -

I respectfully recommend Cessation of work on ~~Saturday~~ Monday and Tuesday next in order that the valves and Stop Cocks &c of Boilers may be repaired under direction of Mr Johnson and his force - and that the Steam Chest of engine in Boiling Room may be repaired by Mr Canby and the Mechanists - These repairs are essentially necessary and can I believe be made in the time indicated

Respy Submitted

Geo H Philips

Report
of
Chapman
for September

1839

Phil^d Sept 19th / 39

This is to Certify that Mr
Wm Gilchrist has been
under my care from Sept 14th
1859

Jno. K. Moore M.D
Walnut above 10th

of absence, lateness & overtime in Chief Bowiers
Department for September 1859

Names	Sickness.	Private Business	Holiday with leave	Death in family	
Mullen	5.				
Batchelor	1.				
DeLaney	1.				
Forman	3.				
Gunis	1.				
Jackson	2				
Kelly	2.				
McDonnell	3.				
Leatheman	7.				
McSittigan	1				
Mulholland	3				
Snyder	26				
Gilchrist	6				
Prenot		4			
Kern			18		
Garrett				5	
	63	4	18	5	= 90 days absence
Overtime					
Lawrence H.	33 hours				
Maginnis	33 "				} Engineers & firemen
Slaw	33 "				
O'Donald	33 "				

Chief Coiner's Office

August 31st 1859.

To
Hon^{ble} J Ross Snowden

Director U.S. Mint

Dear Sir

I have to report that during the past month the work of the department has progressed satisfactorily, and the material received has been promptly and carefully passed through each operation of coinage.

I submit the usual monthly statement of absence, lateness and overtime. The increase of absence for the month is chiefly due to holidays granted as will be perceived by the return.

Res^{pn}

Geo F Childs
Chief Coiner

Report of Chief Comin
for August 1889

Return of Absence Lateness and Overtime of Workmen in
Carriers Department for August 1859

<i>Names</i>	<i>Sickneg</i>	<i>Holiday with leave</i>	<i>Private Business</i>	<i>No Excuse</i>					
Kenoil	6d								
Lambert.	6"								
McDermott		6d							
Morille		1d							
Mullen.	2d	.	1d						
Van Horn	1d								
Pickel -		4d							
Lawrence Geo	1d								
Collins	11"								
Doyle		5."							
Forman.	2"								
Kelly	1"								
McDougall	11	1."							
Leatherman	15"								
McGilligan	14"	6"							
Mulholland	2 "								
Snyder	27"								
Thomas		7"							
Kern			1d.						
McGrann	3"								
Mitchell Jm	1"								
Prenot	6"								
Heckete	6"								
Guy -		6"							
Quinn	1	6"							
Farrrell		6"							
Gilchrist -				2d					
Thompson	6 -								
	111.0	48d	2d	2 d	= 163 days absence including leave to visit country under Rules				

Chief Coiners' Office U.S. Mint

July 30th 1859

To Honble J Ross Snowden

Director of Mint

The absence of the workmen during the past month, as will be perceived by the accompanying monthly return of absence, lateness &c is somewhat below the average of absence during the five preceding months of the year. The work has progressed regularly, and satisfactorily, and no instance of neglect or carelessness in the performance of duty has occurred, to give occasion for particular comment.

In respect to the workmen however, I desire to call your attention to the fact, that the habit of drawing their wages in advance from the Treasurer, seems to be spreading. In a very few instances drawing pay in advance may be unavoidable, but in most cases, it has I think become a mere habit. In some instances the money thus advanced, though trifling in amount, is followed by an absence of one or two days, and an excuse of sickness returned. It would seem very desirable therefore, to check, or place some restraint upon the practice of drawing pay in advance. I have also to report that some of the workmen, are in the habit of loaning to their fellow workmen in advance of their pay small sums, and upon payday exacting the principal and a charge for interest. These circumstances tend to exhibit a continued pressing need for money among some of the workmen, and if unnecessary should

be as far as practicable discouraged and suppressed.

I desire further to report that the Bent Riddle in the cellar has now been in operation for a considerable period and works satisfactorily.

Respectfully submitted

Geo F Phineas
Chief Engineer

July Report
Chas Comin
Vb S Mint

Return of absence and lateness in Courier's Department for April 1859

Names.	Sickness	Private Business	Absent on General	Death of member of family	Attending Parents or Siblings	Absent on General	
Kensel	7						
Lambert		7/10	4/10				
McDermott			4/10				
Mitchell Inc	1						
Mouille -				3			
Mullen -			3/10				
Tully	2						
Wigmore		4/10					
Strembeck	2				4/10		
Batchelder	1						
Bruker	1		4/10				
Snyder			4/10				
Forman	1						
Emm's	1				1/10		
McDougal					4/10		
Leatherman	2					3	
McGully	1						
Musittigan	1					1	
Munnely	2						
Snyder	26						
Stwele			8/10				
Canby	4						
Prenot	5					1	
Mitchell J M	1						
Tompkins	1		1				
Shaeffer		1					
Hackett					4/10	3	
Quinn						1	
Guy						1	
O'Donald			4/10				
Musler			1				
	66	4 1/10	4 3/10	3	1 2/10	10	88 6/10 days absence

Chief Engineer's Department

U.S. Mint April 30th 1859

Honble J Ross Snowden

Director

Dear Sir

Nothing has occurred in respect to the attendance of the workmen for the past month worthy of particular remark and the information embraced in my monthly Return of absence and lateness contains all I desire to communicate upon the subject.

In the preparation of Cent planchets for coining great advantage has been found in passing them through the drum or riddle in the whitening Room so that the roughness or burr on the rim of each planchet should be entirely worn off by friction of piece against piece. The fine dust and particles of copper liberated in this operation will adhere to the sieve rendering it in a measure impossible to keep the planchets of Gold, Silver and Copper clean when dried and riddled in it. To obviate this difficulty I suggested the erection of a Riddle in the Northern part of the Cellar for riddling Cent Planchets exclusively, and with your approbation have directed it to be constructed by the workmen in this department.

I desire in this place to call your attention to the expense incurred commencing say Jan'y 1. 1855 to present date in grinding and re-grinding the Rolls used in Rolling and Bullying Room as follows;

Jan 25. 1855	A Jenkins Son	Grinding 2 Pair Rolls	\$97.00
" 26 "	"	" " " "	45.00
May 9 1856	"	" 1 " "	30.00
July 24 "	"	" 2 " "	26.00
Novr 10 "	"	" 2 " "	52.00
Octr 14 1857	"	" 1 1/2 " "	47.75
Novr 12. "	"	" 1 1/2 " "	57.50
March 9. 1858	"	" 2 " 1 Pt. Roll	85.50
April 27. "	"	" 4 " "	121.50
July 13 "	"	" 1 1/2 " "	53.25
" 29 "	"	" 2 " "	87.50
Novr 15 "	"	" 1 " "	42.75
Jan'y 4 1859	"	" 1 " "	43.50
March 8 "	"	" 2 " "	45.25
April 15 "	"	" 2 " "	92.25
" 4 "	"	" 1 " "Bill not yet recd"	\$920.75

In addition to the above sums we have paid Messrs Inks & Son \$50 or \$60 (when the work was first ordered of their firm) for the purpose of adapting their machinery to grinding from the journals instead of grinding from the Centre.

My purpose in directing your attention to this matter is to exhibit the fact that it ~~would~~ likely be more economical to construct a grinding machine ourselves. The probable cost of the machine would be covered by the amount of the above bills for grinding Rolls. Beside the expense, the delay and inconvenience which sometimes attends the execution of our orders would be avoided by having a machine under our own control. It could be erected in the Northern part of the Cellar in the place at present occupied by the grindstone which could be conveniently removed to the Carpenter Shop.

Very Resp^y

Yours^y

Geo T. Childs
Chief Engineer

Report of the Comtee
June 1839

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